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**All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian
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December 17th Tribal Election Results



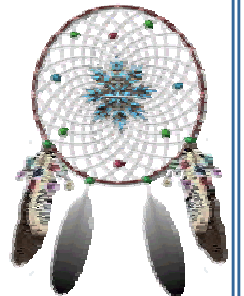
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community voters register with election officials at the Baraga District on Saturday afternoon.

Tribal Elections were held on Saturday, December 17, 2005. Voters of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community visited two locations on the reservation (Zeba Methodist Church and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center in Baraga) between the hours of 12:00—6:00 p.m., casting their ballots for three seats on the L'Anse side and two seats on the Baraga side. Baraga candidates in the election were: Doreen Blaker (Inc.), Larry Denomie III (Inc.), Donald C. Carlson, William C. Chosa, Rick Geroux, Jerry Magnant and Matthew J. Shalfoe Sr. L'Anse candidates were: William E. Emery (Inc.), Jennifer Misegan (Inc.), Colleen Emery DeRoche, Charles Gauthier, Robert Genschow, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Toni J. Minton.

According to Tribal Election Board Chairperson, Kim Klopstein, the final certification will come from Tribal Council at the next Saturday meeting, scheduled for January 7, 2006. Preliminary counts conducted in an open meeting immediately following the election, indicates a three-year seat in the L'Anse District will be filled by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews (receiving 222 votes), both William E. Emery and Toni Minton (received 190 votes each). At a later date, it will need to be determined which of these two will fill the three-year seat and the two-year seat. In the Baraga District, Doreen Blaker (receiving 226 votes) and Larry Denomie III (receiving 173 votes) will both fill three-year seats. According to members of the election board, a re-count will be held due to the tie between Emery and Minton. Congratulations! The Tribal Council is expected to vote in an Executive Board at the January 7, 2006, meeting.

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Doreen Blaker
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Toni Minton



Special points of interest:

- President LaFerner Testifies Before Hearing Against Proposed Rules
- Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department Emergency Lake Trout Transfer
- Tribal Council Meeting, Dec. 3rd
- Children's Powwow at L'Anse School
- KBIC Annual Children's Christmas Party
- Ojibwemowin—Ojibwe Language
- KBIC new employee—Mr. Brumleve

PRESIDENT LAFERNIER TESTIFIES BEFORE HEARING AGAINST PROPOSED RULES



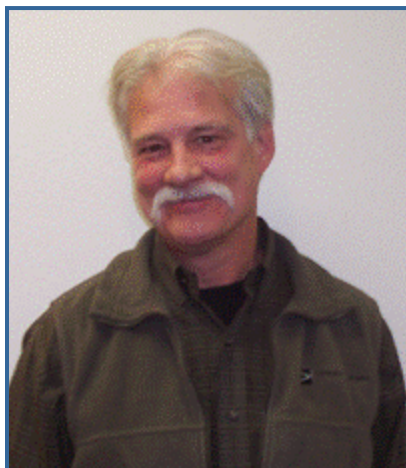
Members of KBIC stand behind Tribal President Susan LaFornier as she gives a speech, on the Capital steps in Lansing, to U.P. residents protesting sulfide mining, on Wednesday, December 7, 2005.

KB Veterans Virgil Loonsfoot, Don Carlson, Joe and John Jacker, along with President LaFornier were amongst a bus of KBIC members, and other concerned persons from Calumet, Pelkie, Skanee, Marquette and Big Bay, who traveled to the proposed mining rules meeting held in Lansing on Wednesday, December 7th. The Tribal Council sponsored the funding for this bus. Demonstrations were made on the steps of the Capitol against sulfide mining. Many in the group, including President LaFornier, Veterans Don Carlson and John Jacker testified at the hearings on proposed non-ferrous mining rules. Rules will interpret a mining statute which was approved in December of 2004. Deadline for comment is December 19, 2005. John Baker, Todd Warner and Charles Brumleve also attended the rules meeting, and President LaFornier wished to "thank them for their hard work and support. I'd also like to thank Veterans Virgil Loonsfoot, Don Carlson, Joe and John Jacker for their continued concerns and help."

KBIC has participated, for the past ten months, in the DEQ work group that helped develop the proposed rules. "Our community agreed to participate with the work group in the hope that by incorporating effective and thorough scientific and procedural protections into the proposed rules and assisting in the development of stringent regulatory oversight mechanisms, the degradation to the environment and risks to human health that is likely to result from sulfide mining would be reduced," President LaFornier stated. "After reviewing the final draft of the proposed rules, the community has concluded that this goal will not be accomplished." President LaFornier indicates a stiff opposition of potential mining within the boundaries of the territories ceded to the tribe in the 1842 Lake Superior Chippewa Treaty. The treaty guaran-

tees access to natural resources within the ceded territory, which covers area west of the Chocolay River into Wisconsin. "This area is the homeland of the members of the community and the treaties entered into by our ancestors with the United States of America preserved for our members a homeland with the right to hunt, fish and gather in this area," President LaFornier indicated within her speech at the rules hearing. "These rights—we are determined to preserve and protect for at least the next seven generations." President LaFornier indicates that the Governor's office, the Legislature and the DEQ are well aware of KBIC's concerns about sulfide mining within its L'Anse Reservation and ceded territories, which includes the Yellow Dog Plains.

NEW EMPLOYEE — Charles Brumleve



The position of Environmental Mining Specialist for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has been filled by Charles Brumleve. Mr. Brumleve brings over 25 years of professional experience to KBIC with approximately 12 years experience in mining and 15 years experience in environmental consulting. He has degrees in geology and geological engineering.

His mining experience started with open pit mining in northern Minnesota and then progressed to underground mining assignments in central Colorado, Zimbabwe Africa, New Mexico and finally Canada. The New Mexico and Canada experience were in research projects for the U.S. Department of Energy involving the underground storage of nuclear waste.

Mr. Brumleve's environmental experience includes hazardous and radioactive site investigations, hydrogeology, remedial design and cleanups, landfills, underground storage tanks, and expert witness for legal actions pertaining to surface and groundwater rights in Montana.

The wealth of minerals contained in the ancient rock of the central and western Upper Peninsula has spurred a flurry of mineral exploration activity over the past several years. Mr. Brumleve will research the geologic

formations that are the mineral exploration targets and relate this to KBIC reservation land and ceded territory including ownership of surface and mineral rights. He will provide public education and State agency input to proposed U.P. mining activity with special emphasis on potential environmental impacts. This will likely include an inventory and environmental assessment of watersheds that could be impacted in order to formulate a pre-mining baseline. His tasks will also include development of KBIC regulations and solicitation of Federal agency technical and financial assistance regarding mining issues.

29TH ANNUAL GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT



A pizza party was held on November 30, 2005, at the Lakeside Inn in Baraga, to celebrate the 29th Annual Great American

Smokeout. Gail Ploe of the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department was the guest speaker for this program. Prizes were drawn for people who committed to quit smoking for 24 hours. Congratulations to all those who participated. Jodi Hella was the lucky winner of the grand prize—a \$50 Walmart Gift Certificate. Lois Bogda, Donald Stolp, Denise Maki and Mary Tikkanen won \$25 Walmart Gift Certificates; and KBOCC Fitness Center Certificates went to Victoria Emery, Mary Campioni and Diane Charron. The event was sponsored by KBIC STEPS Program, Healthy Start, SEMA, KBIC Diabetes Program and KBOCC.



Tribal Council Meeting—December 3, 2005

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on December 3, 2005. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton and Shawanung present.

President LaFerner shared a few items of 'For Your Information' with those who were present. One item of importance included a Grant Award Letter for Low Income Home Assistance, which is being processed through our tribal operations this year instead of ITC. With KBIC administering the grant, it will increase the funds available to those in need. Another subject discussed involved a flyer received from the Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, which manages more than 65 million dollars in Indian Trust accounts for more than 48,000 people whose whereabouts are currently unknown. Many KBIC members are on these lists and have money payable to them. The contact information (website) will be available in January's newsletter. In addition, a printed list has been generated by Kim Klopstein, Administrative Secretary, and is available in the office of the CEO at the Tribal Center.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner reported that Ruth Bussey and Cherie Dakota attended the March of Dimes KBIC First Annual Dream Makers Testimonial Dinner in Marquette to honor all those who work toward a future when all of our children can be born healthy. Our Tribe can be proud of the support that we give to the March of Dimes. Todd Warner, John Baker and President LaFerner were involved in a very informative conference call with representatives from the EPA, BIA, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service about possible involvement in regard to mining issues on our lands. Concerned citizens and groups from the U.P. are scheduled to travel to Lansing by bus/car for the December 7th sulfide mining rules hearing. President LaFerner stated that she would be on that bus, which is KBIC funded. She stated that she would speak on our concerns regarding the rules and mining at the hearing. A rally was also planned for the same day in Lansing, and we hoped to speak to legislators and to Governor Granholm. Mr. Charles Brumleve, of Marquette, began his employment with KBIC on November 28, 2005, in the position of Environmental Mining Specialist. On November 22, 2005, a meeting was held at KBIC with Ann Belleau, ITC Head Start Director; Sharon Teeple, ITC Executive Director; Terri Denomie KB Head Start Director; Sarah Smith, CEO Assistant; Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO; and President LaFerner on the concerns of the Head Start budget and other grant issues. There will be more information next month regarding Head Start. The new bus that KBIC purchased for Head Start has arrived. Also on November 22, 2005, a meeting was held with Doug Mills of the Baraga County Road Commission, Lynn Ketola, and Lois and Roger Bogda regarding Crebassa Memorial Drive. President LaFerner stated that she was happy to announce that signs will be put up along the Bay Shore Drive from the Village of L'Anse indicating the name "Crebassa Memorial Drive." This is a great tribute to Peter Crebassa, his relatives and the important history of the Township Park and our people. We will also be putting signs up on the road near our Head Start/Day Care indicating that there is an educational facility there. We have officially changed our Property/Vehicle/Liability Insurance companies. The new company as of November 9, 2005, is Mortenson, Matzell, Meldreum (M3) from Waukesha, Wisconsin.

Sad news. With regret, Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO, has resigned his position. His final day with KBIC will be December 23, 2005. President LaFerner expressed how much she, the Council, Government and Enterprises department heads and employees, and the community will miss him and his Menominee knowledge, and how we have appreciated his help in many issues throughout the 2 1/2 years of his employment with KBIC. Keith Tourtillott Sr. indicated that, "It has been an honor to work for KBIC, and I have truly enjoyed my position here as CEO. It has been one of the best jobs that I have had, and it has also been a learning experience for me with the great variety of duties that traveled across my desk on any given day. However, I would like the community to know the reasons for my resignation. My family moved home, and I desire to be with my family."

The government employee Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2005, and a great party has been planned once again by Kim Klopstein and her group who do such a good job. Miigwech.

Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO, indicated in the CEO Report that his desk conducted 153 contacts which included a staffing meeting with New Day regarding benefits and holiday issues; mediated a customer complaint with the Tire Shop based on recommendation from the legal department; reviewed a financial and feasibility study on an investment request in which he recommended no involvement due to weak projects and unsound market assumptions; composed a memo to the accounting offices regarding garnishment processes having to receive full faith and credit orders of our Tribal Court; reviewed the hazard Mitigation plan which is being processed through the Health Department; and of particular mention the Tire Shop has exceeded any prior monthly sales with unofficial records indicating \$71,223 for the month of November (Feb 2004 sales were \$58,755). The Tire Shop staff are doing a remarkable job with keeping records up to date. Mr. Tourtillott Sr. reported that the CEO

assistant's (Sarah Smith) desk, handled 63 contacts which included the Even Start contract; two appeals which were heard by the Tribal Council; Day Care surveillance policies; ITC Head Start subcontract; Grant/Management Manual; Insurance transfers; and records management and/or archival.

Larry Denomie III reported on the Tribal Council meetings held throughout the month of November in the Secretary's report. Items of importance noted \$585.06 for a memorial marker for George Deschaine; met with Gerald Hays - General Manager, David Haataja - Marquette Manager, Francois LaPointe - CFO, and Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO, regarding financials; met with Attorney John Baker regarding litigation; met with Susan LaFerner regarding the PowWow Committee's decision regarding the Princess Crown; purchased insurance coverage as proposed by the work group from Mortenson, Matzell & Meldrum; approval of February and March 2005 meeting minutes; held three interviews for the Environmental Mining Specialist; met with John Bussey, Executive Director of the Gaming Commission; met with the PowWow Committee, the 2005 PowWow Princess, and Susan LaFerner addressing a personnel matter; approved reinstating the employees at the Tribal Day Care and to send letters to the witnesses involved, explaining the outcome of the hearing; approved returning the Princess crown and to have her write a letter of apology to the individual involved; approved transferring Dominic Durant's fishing license to Anthony Emery as long as his Natural Resource fines are up-to-date; approved offering the position of Environmental Mining Specialist to Charles Brumleve; approved gaming licenses; approved revision of the Compliance Officer job description; motioned to have policies and procedures in place for princess by February 1, 2006; approved having the KBIC administer the Even Start grant and to submit a plan by November 15, 2005; denied a monetary request from Angela Danison; approved \$100 for the Baraga Elementary Year Book; approved \$1525 for the KBIC Head Start/Early Head Start Christmas celebration and authorized distribution of Turkeys to their staff; approved a Service Agreement with Dr. Anni Gregor; approved \$250 to be sent to the family of GLIFWC Officer Mark Bessette, who died in an automobile accident; approved \$1000 for individuals to attend the Sulfide Mining Rules hearing in Lansing; met with the Election Board regarding certification of candidates for Tribal Council elections; approved all candidates for the upcoming Council elections; approved the Voter Registration List; approved Election workers for the upcoming election; approved \$500 for the children's craft day; approved \$250 for the Baraga Fire Dept. Children's Christmas Party; approved the same number of Turkeys as last year to be donated to the Bayside Village and Bethel's Christmas Dinner; approved \$1100 each for Baraga and Marquette Senior Christmas Party and \$25 gift cards for each senior; approved having an open bar for the Government Employee Christmas Party from 5-9 pm; approved up to \$7,000 for the Marquette KBIC Children's Christmas Party; met with John Baker, Susan Lawrence and John Bussey regarding Gaming Licenses; met with John Baker regarding litigation matters; met with Susan LaFerner regarding the Environmental Mining Specialist; approved tobacco renewal license for Keweenaw Bay Outfitters; revised the Sovereign Student Fund Eligibility Requirement #5 allowing a probationary semester for credit completion with funding at one-half for the probationary period; approved additional \$3,136.98 for ITC Head Start employees; approved an additional \$1100 toward buses for the Mining Rules Hearing in Lansing; approved \$42,500 for the purchase of the former C. Westman property; approved a residential land lease for Judy Heath; tabled a request until additional information is obtained regarding a property improvement purchase; approved extension of the sewer line up Whirl-I-Gig road to Skanee Road at approximately \$40,000 and informed IHS that funds to extend the water line is not available at this time and to place priority on filling five vacant lots along Whirl-I-Gig road; authorized Tribal Construction to sell off unused/junk items; met with Francois LaPointe, CFO, regarding finances; met with Susan LaFerner on a personnel matter; met with Keith Tourtillott Sr., CEO, on a personnel matter; met with Cheri Dakota regarding a member's medical situation; approved paying off the four-million dollar loan at Superior National Bank and to collapse the Certificate of deposit guaranteeing it; approved Resolution KB1442-2005 for distribution of 2% funds; approved Environmental Special contract and to negotiate the payment amount; and accepted the resignation of Keith Tourtillott Sr. with regret.

Al Gedicks, Sulfide Mining Specialist/University of Wisconsin - LaCrosse, provided an educational presentation to members of the Council and the community regarding the Mole Lake Tribe, four other tribal communities and various surrounding communities in Wisconsin campaign against the mining company that was attempting to move in to that area. This group hired Al Gedicks to help stop the project. After 28 years of fighting to stop the mine from moving in, the tribes actually ending up purchasing the mine site.

Sandy Coponen approached the Council for a donation to help fund "Holiday Hope." Holiday Hope is a program that makes contact with children in need, finds out just what that child really wants for Christmas, and then goes out and buys that gift for the child. Referrals are made through Dept. of Human Services (FIA), Tribal Social Services, St. Vincent

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DePaul, and by individual contact. Motion made by Jennifer Misegan to donate \$2000 to "Holiday Hope", supported by Larry Denomie, and carried.

Susan LaFerner informed Council of complaints received regarding the decision to have an open bar, 5-9 pm, at the governmental employee Christmas party. Discussion occurred. Motion by Toni Minton to have the open bar at the governmental employee Christmas party from 5-7 pm, supported by Jennifer Misegan, support - five (Swartz, Loonsfoot, Misegan, M. LaFerner, Minton), opposed - five (Dakota, Mayo, Emery, Blaker, Shawanung), abstaining - one (Denomie), with President LaFerner breaking the tie as support, and carried.

Paul Frair, Retired VP of Herman Gundlach, Inc., requested, through letter, a donation to support the Portage Lake District Library Capital Campaign and the Memorial Tribute to Herman "Winks" Gundlach that will be inside of the new Library. Motion by William E. Emery to donate gift amount of \$5,000 for gift opportunity of a circulation desk for the Portage Lake District Library Capital Campaign, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., support - eight, opposed - three (Mayo, Denomie, Swartz), and carried.

Susan LaFerner brought to Council a request from Rose Kariainen for a donation to help with the New Year's Sobriety Dance. Motion by Fred Dakota to authorize \$500 for the New Year's Sobriety Dance, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., and carried.

Council tabled the third reading of Administrative Procedures Ordinance/Enrollment and a request from Conrad LaPlante for purchase of Digital Video Recorders. October 2005 department head reports were accepted. Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with only KBIC members present for the Treasurer's Report for November 2005. Closed session continued (without KBIC members) - Susan LaFerner and KBIC Princess Brittanie Gauthier were on the agenda.

LOGO CONTEST – NOT ONE BUT TWO LOGO CONTESTS – TWO WINNERS!

In exchange for the rights to the selected artwork, each winner will receive a \$100 Wal-Mart Gift Card!! The deadline is: January 7, 2006.

Contest #1: Ojibwa Industrial Park - We are looking for an image that represents the Industrial Park enterprises (i.e. manufacturing, metal fabricating, tools, plastics, forestry, agriculture, construction, cement....) and is graphically appealing.

Contest #2: Anishinaabe Anokii -The project will create a Small Business Development Center – Anishinaabe Anokii, or First People's Work Center. Anishinaabe Anokii will offer comprehensive culturally appropriate business development services for start-up, new and existing businesses for Tribal members. The work center will also provide Tribal business owners with cooperative and support services, and financial literacy counseling and education, as well as focus on entrepreneurial initiatives for youth and Traditional artists and craftsman.

*You must use a visible, original image (no clip art, please). The image must reproduce well in black and white. It will be used on various advertising materials.

*Each submission must be wholly original and created entirely by you and must not incorporate or include anything that is owned by any third party or would require the consent of any third party and your submission must not violate any law or the copyright, trademark, publicity right, privacy right or any other right of any third party.

*Include color suggestions. A maximum of four colors may be used in the design INCLUDING BLACK AND WHITE! You can use one color as a background. Solid colors only; no water color, please.

*Lettering must be identifiable and easy to read.

*All images and artwork, upon submission, become exclusive property of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

*KBIC reserves the right to reject any and all entries, without liability, and to request reasonable, minor design modifications from the proposed winner. In the event only unsuitable logos are entered, the contest will be null and void and no winner will be declared. Also, a sole entry will not be automatically declared the winner.

Please contact Donna Sackett at 906-353-4115 or dsackett@kbic-nsn.gov if you have questions.

WALK & TALK PROGRAM is an indoor walking program...

that begins on November 14, 10:30 am.—1:30 pm M-F throughout the winter months @ the KBIC Community Center Gymnasium. This event is open for anyone who would like to stay active over the winter season.

Everyone should participate in 30 minutes of physical activity five times a week to stay fit. Plus for every 15 visits to the gym for walking—you will win a prize! For more information contact the Fitness Center @ 353-4640, Kathy @ 353-4519 or Rachelle @ 353-4628.

This program is sponsored by the KBOCC Fitness Center, KBOCC Honoring our Health Grant & the KBIC/DHHS Diabetes Program.

Seafood HACCP Alliance/AFDO HACCP Training Course

Red Cliff Bingo Hall (attached to the Isle Vista Casino)

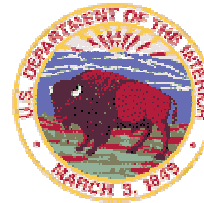
Red Cliff, Wisconsin

January 17, 18, 19, 2006

Starting at 8:00 a.m.

GLIFWC will pay the registration costs for all tribal fishermen attending. For registration please call Sharon Nelis at 715-682-6619.

Any tribal commercial fishermen from Red Cliff, Bad River, Keweenaw Bay, or Bay Mills wanting to participate in the ANA Lake Superior Fish Marketing grant must provide verification that their operation is staffed with an individual having completed the three day AFDO HACCP Seafood Safety Class and must submit a HACCP Plan as part of their application package requesting processing equipment.



Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians

The Department of the Interior, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) manages more than \$65 million in Indian Trust accounts for more than 48,000 people whose whereabouts are currently unknown due to outdated or incomplete contact information. OST is searching for these people to distribute their funds to them.

As of July 31, 2005 there were:

- 31 people who have over \$100,000 in an account.
- 51 people who have between \$50,000 and \$100,000.
- 2,938 people who have between \$5,000 to \$50,000.
- 8,019 people who have between \$1,000 and \$5,000.
- 12,482 people who have between \$100 and \$1,000.

Is someone you know on OST's Whereabouts Unknown list?

To find out:

- Go to the website www.doi.gov/ost and click on "Locating IIM Account Holders."
- Check with your Fiduciary Trust Officer or
- Call the Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll-free (888) 678-6836, ext. 0.

Keep your address current!

Please contact us if you change your name or address.

Call: OST's Trust Beneficiary Call Center, toll-free (888) 678-6836, ext. 0.

Or write: OST, Attn: Address Change, 4400 Masthead Street NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109



Great Lakes AIBL Summit

Four representatives of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College accepted the invitation to attend the first ever American Indian Business Leaders Summit (AIBL) for the Great Lakes Region, located at the Fond du Lac Indian Reservation in Minnesota. Liz Julio, Catherine Racette, Cory Fountaine and Robin Chosa were joined by representatives from Leech Lake Tribal College, the College of Menominee Nation, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College, and the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. The purpose of the summit was to educate each of the respective institutions about AIBL, with the hopes that each Tribal College would be interested in starting a Chapter.

The American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) program was organized in January 1994, on the University of Montana's campus in Missoula, Montana, as a result of founder Michelle Henderson's master's thesis. The original idea evolved from concern expressed from many tribal leaders from the critical need for educated, experienced members to assist with economic development efforts. AIBL was founded on four basic principles; Education; Experience; Leadership; and Culture. The organization has established and organized fifty-two chapters across the United States; twenty-one at the tribal college level and fifteen at the university level, ten high school chapters, four K-8 student chapters and two professional chapters. The AIBL organization recently expanded by opening a new Great Lakes office at the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDLTCC) in Cloquet, Minnesota. The new Great Lakes AIBL office is part of a larger plan to increase small-business and entrepreneurship opportunities and resources for American Indian students in Midwestern and northeastern America.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Social Services is hosting Dial Help in offering the following six session, small group education program for teens and families. This program is open to the whole community.

Skills For Managing Anger®

Anger management is a vital skill that, when systematically taught, can lead to significant reductions in verbal and physical aggression and improves emotional well-being. **Skills For Managing Anger®** is designed to help participants cope with stress by teaching concepts and skills that enable them to manage their anger without resorting to aggression.

Skills For Managing Anger®:

- reduces verbal and physical aggression
- empowers youth and adults with positive anger-management skills
- improves relationships
- aids in bullying-prevention efforts
- includes relaxation skills practice

Integrated into the highly interactive video are realistic conflict vignettes and focus groups of young people and adults from diverse backgrounds discussing their personal feelings and experiences in dealing with anger. A student notebook provides activities, planning guides, and anger-management techniques as well as a private place to write about anger and its effects.

The program is free and includes a personal workbook. Space is limited to 15 people, so please register by January 23, 2006. The group will meet at the Ojibwa Resort Motel Conference room every Thursday at 7pm beginning on January 24, 2006. Please call Isabelle at 353-4201 to register.



“No Down-payment Home Loans for Eligible Tribal Members”

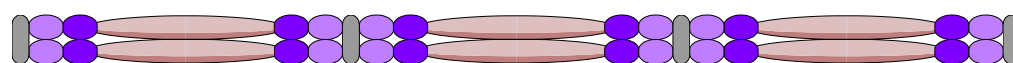
USDA Rural Development offers no down payment home loans to eligible tribal members. Through the “Direct Home Loan Program”, lower income tribal members may borrow directly from the USDA and receive a no-down payment, thirty-three year home loan, with a fixed interest rate, and no mortgage insurance required. Payment assistance may be available depending upon a member’s household income. Loans obtained through the “Direct Home Loan Program” apply to tribal or non-tribal lands.

For middle income tribal members USDA Rural Development offers the “Guaranteed Home Loan Program”. Eligible Tribal members may receive a home loan from an approved local lender such as a bank or credit union. Through the “Guaranteed Home Loan Program” eligible tribal members may receive a no-down payment, thirty-year home loan, with a fixed interest rate, and no mortgage insurance required. Loans obtained through the “Guaranteed Loan Program” also apply to tribal or non-tribal lands.

Eligible Tribal members may purchase new or existing homes as well as condominiums through these programs. New manufactured or modular homes are also eligible for purchase through these programs.

Tribal members must purchase their home in an area considered rural by USDA Rural Development. In Michigan, the entire Upper Peninsula is considered rural. In the Lower Peninsula, all areas from Clare County northward are considered rural. All counties south of Clare County have specific areas considered rural by USDA Rural Development.

Income limits apply to both home loan programs. For more information or to request an application contact USDA Rural Development Michigan toll-free at 1-800-944-8119. (TDD/TTY: 1-800-649-3777) or the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Ojibwa Housing Authority at 1-906-524-5514. USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender, provider and employer.



Spring 2006 Semester

Registration is now open!

First Day of Classes: January 9, 2006
Last day to drop/add: January 20, 2006

Student Orientation

January 5, 2006
5:30 p.m.—8:30 p.m.



New students are required to attend the Orientation.

Any individual who wants to know more about KBOCC or Prospective Students who have not signed up are invited to come. Please bring your Tribal I.D. and High School transcripts (if possible). ASSET testing will be done (if necessary). ID Photos taken.

If there are any questions about the Student Orientation, please contact the admissions office at 353-4604.

Machine Tool Technology

Learn Basic Skills in:

Basic Math/Algebra	Basic Computer Literacy
Industrial Safety	Machining
Blueprint Reading	Basic Numeric Control

Courses Begin:

Monday, January 16, 2006

This program is open to all low-income residents of Baraga County. Verification of income must be provided along with a completed registration form. Training is free of charge and includes supplies, materials and necessary equipment for each skill.

To Register: Contact the Admissions Office at 353-4504 or the Main Office at 353-4600.

Jump Into Foods & Fitness

- Who:** Youth ages 5 to 19 years, Parents, Guardians, and Grandparents are Welcome and encouraged to participate. Children under the ages of 9 must be accompanied by a Parent, Guardian, or teenager. Sponsored by HOH, KBOCC, and MSU
- What:** Hands-on educational program with the goal of teaching the importance of making healthy food choices and being physically active.
- When:** January 5th—February 16th. Every Thursday from 6pm –7pm. Each class is a complete unit and you may attend one or all.
- Why:** The earlier children begin to practice healthy lifestyle habits, the longer they are likely to practice them. Children can benefit tremendously from learning accurate food, nutrition and fitness information and how to use this knowledge.
- How:** Sign up by calling Zena Huhta, KBIC Youth Director at 353-4643 or with Yvette Friisvall at 353-4600

Date	Class Topic	Class Activity
January 5th	Pyramids for Health	Frozen Fruitables & Slam Dunk Your Germs
January 12th	Go the Distance with grain	Great Grain Obstacle Course & Trail Mix
January 19th	High Five for health	Fitness Scavenger Hunt
January 26th	Moooving & Motion	Abdominal Tag & Muscle Mania
February 2nd	Power up the Day	Fitness Speedway & Fast Breaks to B.E.A.K.F.A.S.T.
February 10th	On the Go	Bumper Cars & Nachos Just for Me
February 16th	Choices for Good Health	Design a Game & Germ Spray

Sign up deadline is the Tuesday before each class.
If you attend all sessions, you will receive a reward!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

John Frederick Knapp, Sr.

(September 27, 1935—November 27, 2005)

John Frederick Knapp Sr., 70, of Escanaba, MI, passed away on Sunday, November 27, 2005, at the Christian Park Village in Escanaba.

John was born in Zeba, on September 27, 1935, to Archie and Margaret Knapp. After serving in the Army he moved to Green Bay for a few years and then returned to L'Anse. He moved to Ontonagon in 1956, where he worked at Labyak Motor Sales and for Land O' Lakes Cleaners. He worked at White Pine until he retired. While White Pine was on strike, John visited Alaska for a few years. He was an avid Green Bay Packer fan, and he loved to play cards.

John is survived by three sons - John Jr. of Iron Mountain, Tony of Hephzabah, GA, and Fred (Charlene) of Channing, MI; six daughters - Tamra (Randy) Bringham and Pamela Stevens of Cadillac, MI, Cassandra Gonzalez of Sagola, MI, Megan O'Droski, Tiana (Mark) Hunt and Joanne Knapp of Canton, MI; and 14 grandchildren. He is also survived by five sisters - Louella Woods of L'Anse, Nancy (Fabian) Haataja of Zeba, Brenda McKittrick of Beloit, WI, Margaret (William) Rowloff of Sidnaw, MI and Mary (George) Geroux of Baraga, MI. Four brothers - William, Archie Jr., Eugene and Wallace preceded him in death.

A memorial service was held on Monday, November 28, 2005, at the Jacobson Funeral Home. At John's request, his ashes will be placed in Alaska.

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KBIC ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year the Annual Childrens' Christmas party was held on Sunday, December 4, 2005, at the OCC-Youth Center. The event was well organized and families enjoyed many activities that were available for children of all ages. The younger child party began at 1:00 pm, with Santa arriving from the Houghton Airport at 2:00 p.m. Many children received a picture with Santa, and all received a gift. Numerous elves joined in to help this event run smoothly. The end of the day brought many tired elves. The teenage party began at 5:00 p.m. A delicious pizza dinner was served, gift cards were distributed, and many prizes won throughout an evening of bingo. The sub-committee at the Youth Center who planned, organized and worked on this event, deserve a Chi Miigwech! Great party!



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community 2nd Winter Traditional Pow-Wow

Saturday, January 28, 2006

**Niiwin Akeaa Community Center
Baraga, MI 49908**

**Grand Entry - 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Potluck Feast - 5:00 p.m.**

**Honoring our Tribal Council
10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon**

For information contact KBIC Cultural Committee:

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Doreen: (906) 353-6623, ext. 4565 (day)

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Meet Christina Lynn Anderson, born 11/11/05 to Treasure Cote-Payment and Christopher Anderson II. She weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. and was 16 ½ inches in length.

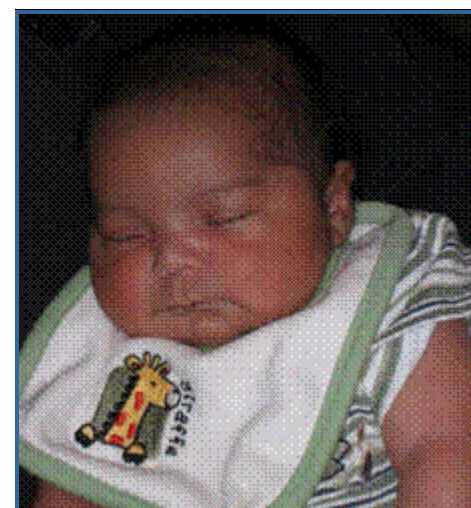


Meet Aiden Kole Rexford, born 12/05/05 to Betsy Leinonen and Chris Rexford. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21 ¼ inches in length.

CHILDREN'S POWWOW AT L'ANSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



A Children's Powwow was held at the L'Anse Elementary School on December 1, 2005. Stanley Spruce served as emcee for the event, which was organized by Candy Kemppainen, Ojibwa Bilingual Teacher. The powwow was an opportunity to share some of our culture with the community we live amongst. The procession was lead by the KBIC Color Guard. K-6 grade students enjoyed the opportunity to participate and dance with our KB dancers to the songs provided by "Four Thunders."



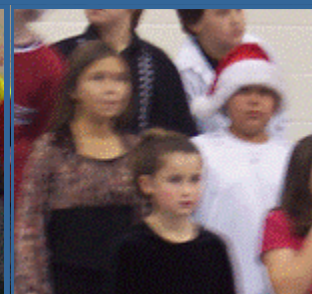
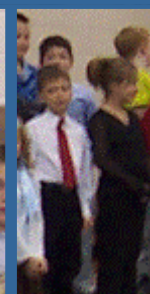
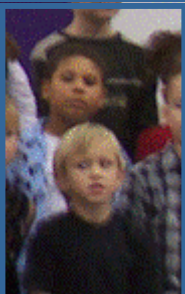
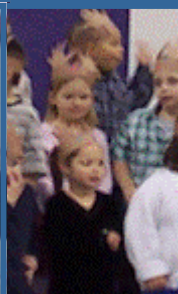
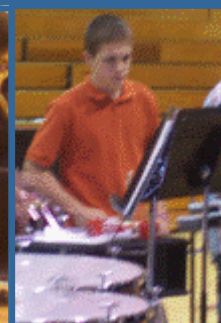
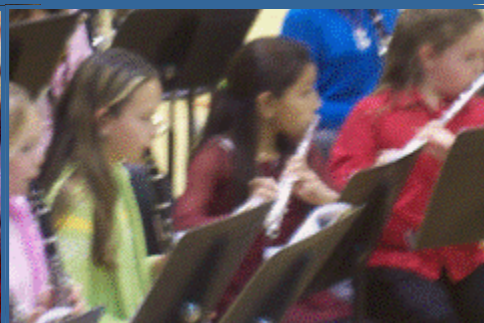
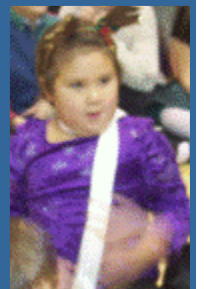
Meet Edwin Lopez, born 11/21/05 to Jessica Norman and Angel Lopez. He weighed 9 lbs. 9 oz. and was 20 inches in length.

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Our Tribal Children Participating at Baraga and L'Anse School's Grade School Christmas Concert/Band Concert

The holiday season would not be complete without stopping in at the local schools to enjoy the songs of the season. Baraga Elementary held their Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 7th. K-6 grade performed numerous songs of Christmas. Fifth grade and Sixth grade bands gave performance, followed by a spectacular performance by the High School Band.

L'Anse Elementary K-5 grades held their Christmas Concert on Monday, December 12th. L'Anse High School Band Concert was held on Wednesday, December 14th. Many tribal children were spotted by the camera.



APPEALS COURT VACATES ORDER FOR HISTORICAL ACCOUNTING IN COBELL-DECISION TIME ON COBELL SETTLEMENT AND TRUST REFORM LEGISLATION

November 15, 2005, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in the Cobell litigation that vacated the injunction requiring the Department of Interior to perform a detailed historical accounting for all IIM accounts. Judge Lamberth's injunction ordered the DOI to conduct an accounting of the IIM trust since the passage of the General Allotment Act of 1887, while Interior's accounting plan applies only to accounts in existence in 1994. Judge Lamberth's injunction also prevented Interior's use of statistical sampling. These rulings are now vacated.

The appeals court held that Judge Lamberth failed to consider the cost and time involved in historical accounting and should defer to Interior's expertise in determining a practical and cost-effective accounting plan. The court found that the DOI accounting plan would cost \$335 million, while the injunction would increase the cost to \$12.13 billion. The court noted that Congress has capped the appropriations for historical accounting at \$58 million and at that rate it would take over 200 years to complete Lamberth's injunction. The appeals court went out of its way to endorse Interior's plan to utilize statistical sampling to determine an average error rate for the accounts. The court also held that Judge Lamberth failed to conduct a hearing and issue new findings of fact.

The decision was a setback for the Cobell Plaintiff's as the court gave distressingly wide latitude to Interior to conduct an historical accounting on its own terms. The Plaintiffs survive to fight another day and have unresolved issues on scope of accounting to address, but the use of statistical sampling

will make it more difficult for Plaintiffs to challenge the accuracy of the accounting in the future and to assert that an accounting is impossible because of missing records.

The decision tees up a critical time for decision making about the Cobell litigation and trust reform generally. Congress is currently considering settlement proposals for the litigation combined with trust reform measures. Senators John McCain and Byron Dorgan have introduced S. 1439, and Chairman Pombo of the House Resources Committee has introduced a companion bill in the House. But Congressional leadership will change by the end of next year, so there is only a short window of time to act before new leadership arrives. After that we will get into the 2008 election cycle, and a new Administration, so the next realistic window for settlement is beyond 2010.

It is becoming more apparent that continued litigation will take many more years and is likely to result in hundreds of millions of dollars spent on an accounting effort that will have little or no benefit to Indians. It is also apparent that these dollars will be taken from Indian programs and that conflict over these issues will continue to harm the relationship between tribes and the Department of Interior. Two resolutions on these issues were considered at the recent NCAI Annual Meeting, but were referred to the Executive Committee for further action. The NCAI Executive Committee is planning a meeting for January and wants to reach out to the Plaintiffs and all tribal groups interested in trust reform. We would encourage tribal leaders to discuss these issues with their NCAI Regional Vice President.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority Transitional Housing Program

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority recognizes that there is a segment of our community that is in need of short term transitional housing. These families are also in need of long term support and assistance in becoming self-sufficient.

Transitional housing assistance will be provided to eligible families and individuals who have issues that prevent them from receiving permanent housing assistance. These factors can involve past evictions, poor rental histories, non-payment of rent, etc. This program will address those issues in a manner that will allow the families to overcome those issues that prevent them from receiving permanent housing assistance.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority Transitional Housing Program will provide services to individuals and families in an atmosphere that is both safe and secure. These elements are not only important but also essential to their speedy return to a more permanent living situation. Recognizing this, we have expectations of behavior for those taking advantage of our services that are essential for us to provide the needed services and assistance to these individuals and families. For more information, call Christine LaPointe, Transitional Housing Coordinator, Ojibwa Housing Authority, HC1 Box 486-E (Zeba Annex), L'Anse, MI 49946 @ 906-524-5514.

NOTICE

Elder Abuse

At the January 7, 2006, Tribal Council meeting, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens will be presenting a model of a Tribal Elder and Adult Protection Ordinance for Council review and eventual adoption.

Ojibwa Housing Authority—Homeowner Program

Following is an update on some of the services available through the OHA Homeowner Program.

Rehabilitation Program (Home Repairs): The rehab program will be open for applications from January 3rd through February 16th. The Ojibwa Housing Authority will provide assistance within approved budget amounts, for the rehabilitation of privately owned homes that are owned by enrolled members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian community, or enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe/Alaska Native living within our service area. The amount of approved applicants assisted each year is based on the availability of funds.

Emergency Assistance: The Emergency Assistance Program is open year round as long as funds are available. This program is for specific emergency needs such as an inoperable furnace, broken water heater or a ramp for handicap accessibility. Individuals and families who apply will be required to meet eligibility standards established by OHA.

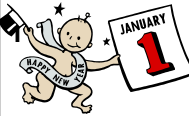
Down Payment Assistance: The Down Payment Program is open year round according to availability of funds. Eligible applicants may receive up to 10% of the loan amount not to exceed \$5,000.00.

Superior National Bank of Baraga and the Federal Home Loan bank of Indianapolis are working with the Ojibwa Housing Authority in providing Down Payment Funds to Tribal members through a Homeownership Opportunities Program (HOP). Awards are in the form of a three to-one-matched grant in which the recipient can receive up to \$5,000.00 in down payment assistance. Recipients must be able to secure a fixed or variable rate home loan through any lending agency. Income limits apply (for example, a household of four must have an annual income less than \$38,920.) Anyone desiring more information may contact Paul Lampinen at Superior National at 353-6695 or Natalie Mleko at Ojibwa Housing at 524-5514. Time and funds are limited so interested parties are encouraged to inquire as soon as possible.

Homebuyer Information & Training Session: The next Homebuyer Information and Training Session is scheduled for January 12th and January 19th from 6pm to 9pm at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga. The first evening is the information session where professionals from a number of lending agencies along with others involved in the loan process provide information in their areas of expertise. These sessions are mandatory for anyone receiving assistance through the Ojibwa Housing Down Payment Assistance Program. Call Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko to sign up.

For more information in any of these areas, please call Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at the Ojibwa Housing Office in Zeba at 524-5514!

Community Calendar - January 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 1	2 Tribal Offices closed.	3	4	5	6	7 9 am, Tribal Council meeting
8	9	10 Reading Buddies, 5:30-6:30 at OCC Library; Aqua Fit begins	11	12	13	14
15	16 M.L. King Jr. Day, Tribal Offices closed.	17	18	19	20 Indian Taco Sale at OCC	21
22	23	24 Reading Buddies, 5:30-6:30 at OCC Library	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov		Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	



Meet Ronald and Sharon Gardner's healthy twin sons, Jonathan Michael and Justin Ryan Gardner, born August 5, 2005. They weighed in at 4.9 and 5.0 oz.



GROUP EXERCISE INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Beginning instructors with little or no experience gain insight into the basics of teaching group exercises. Classroom review of required textbooks and demonstrations in a relaxed atmosphere. Includes Anatomy, Kinesiology, Physiology & Nutrition, Cueing, Choreography, and Music Skills.

Safe exercise examination, written exam, and National Certification (valid for 2 years).

The workshop will take place at the KBOCC's gymnasium, March 25-26, 2006, 8 am—4:30 pm (please check-in by 7:30 am). Workshop fees: Early bird—\$229, Standard—\$259. For further information, contact Rachelle Bachran @ (906) 353-4628.



INDIAN TACO SALE
\$5.00

OCC Bldg./Niiwiin-Akeaa Community Center,
Beartown Road, Baraga, MI

Friday, January 20, 2006

11:00 a.m. till ??

Stop in to purchase or order in advance at 353-4643 - which can be delivered.

* This event is a fundraiser for the KBIC Youth Club.



AQUA FIT

Water Exercise designed for all adults – at ANY fitness level! (Bring Your Own Towel)

Sessions begin Tuesday, January 10th – ending Tuesday, February 28th.

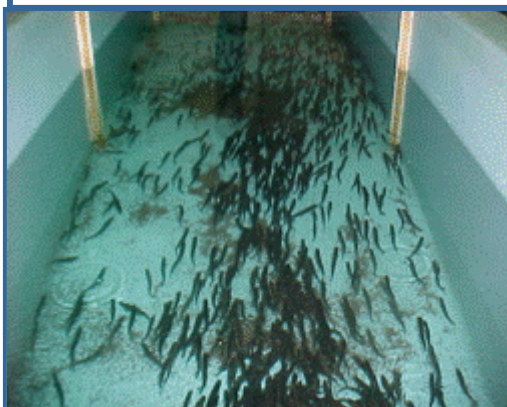
A New Year Celebrating A New You!

There will be two classes to choose from:
9:30 am—10:20 am
or
10:30am—11:20 am

Class sizes are limited! Registration ends January 6th. Call (906) 353-4600 and ask for Yvette Friisvall to sign up, or email her at yfriisvall@kbocc.

KBIC members can join free!
Non-members - \$3.00 per session or \$20.00 for the eight week course.

KEWEENAW BAY NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT - EMERGENCY LAKE TROUT TRANSFER



On Thursday, October 27, 2005, the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) and the KB Conservation Department had to conduct an emergency Lake Trout Transfer with the Iron River Fish Hatchery in Bergland, Michigan.

Earlier in the month, the Iron River Fish Hatchery committed 20,000 surplus Traverse Island Lake Trout yearlings (2-4 inches long) to KBIC. The Iron River Hatchery was in the process of transporting the Lake Trout to our hatchery when their truck broke down in Bergland. KBNRD staff and a KB Conservation Officer hooked up the KBNRD 300 gallon fish tanker and headed to Bergland. When reaching Bergland, they had to hand transfer the 20,000 Lake Trout from the USFWS 900 gallon fish tanker to ours. With such a dramatic reduction in space for the Lake Trout, it was very crucial to get back to the hatchery as soon as possible. The fish were using much more oxygen and releasing waste in a much smaller area causing the water toxicity to increase more rapidly.

When reaching the KB Fish Hatchery, staff quickly and carefully transferred the Lake Trout from the tanker into the holding tanks. Luckily, we only lost around 500 Lake Trout. The situation could have been a lot worse. These Traverse Island Lake Trout that were given to KBIC will help maintain a successful Lake Superior rehabilitation program for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Due to the promptness of the KBNRD staff and KB Conservation Officers in rescuing the Lake Trout, the Iron River Fish Hatchery has committed additional Traverse Island hatchlings to KBIC. These hatchlings will help KBNRD to reach a stocking goal of 50,000 Lake Trout in 2006.



Head Start Parents Prepare for Christmas



Parents and teachers of some 60 KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start children gathered on Tuesday, December 13th, for the annual parent Christmas meeting/party. The event was held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. The purpose of the gathering was for parents to design their child's Christmas Bags and to wrap the presents that the children will receive from Santa and Mrs. Claus on Wednesday, December 21, at the Head Start Christmas party. These parents were busy designing Christmas themes on the bags while enjoying Pizza (donated Brian & Julie Kissel/Kissel Chevy Olds). [The Head Start Christmas party story will be printed in the February 2006 issue - event was held after Jan. 2006 printer deadline.]



The KBIC Youth Club is looking for any individuals 18 years old or older who are interested in coaching Basketball for the KBIC Youth Basketball program. Ages of youth range from 8-18 years, male/female. Anyone who is interested should contact the KBIC Youth Director, Zena Huhta (353-4643) to apply.

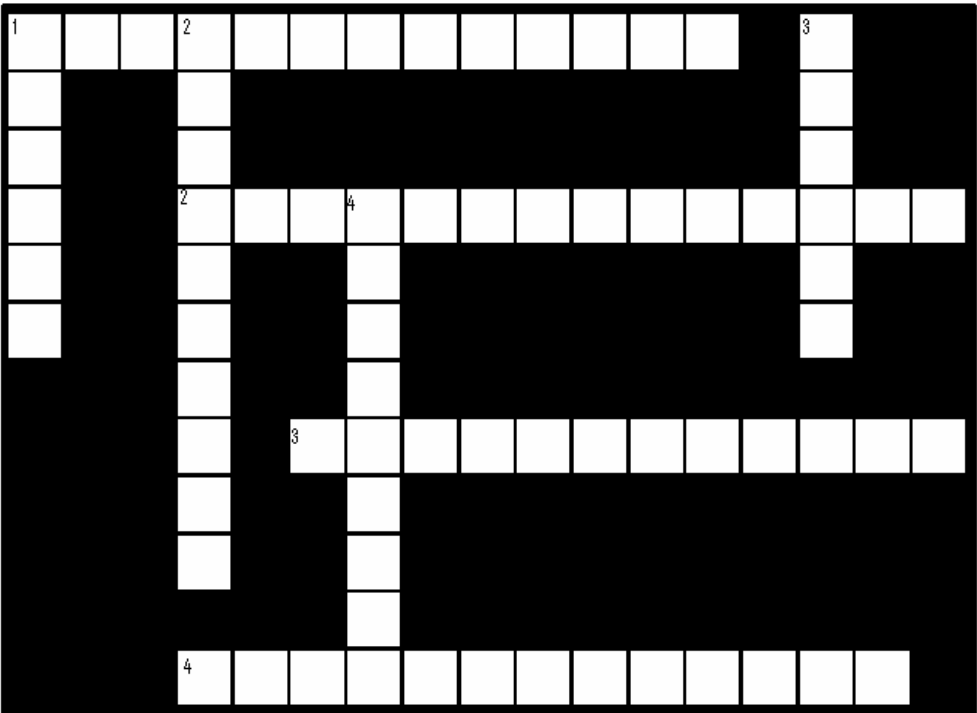


Vocabulary

- Mino-giizhigad - It is a good day.
- Zoogipon na? - Is it snowing?
- Gichi-zoogipon - It is snowing hard.
- Gii-zoogipon na bijiinago? - Did it snow yesterday?
- Noodin - It is windy.
- Gichi-noodin - It is very windy.
- Gii-booni-noodin - The wind stopped.
- Gichi-gisinaa - It is very cold.
- Gaawiin gisinaasinoon - It is not cold.



Crossword



- Down
- Across
- 1. moon
 - 2. It is snowing.
 - 3. yesterday
 - 4. wind/it is windy
- 1. Did it snow?
 - 2. The windy stopped.
 - 3. It is very cold.
 - 4. It is a good day.

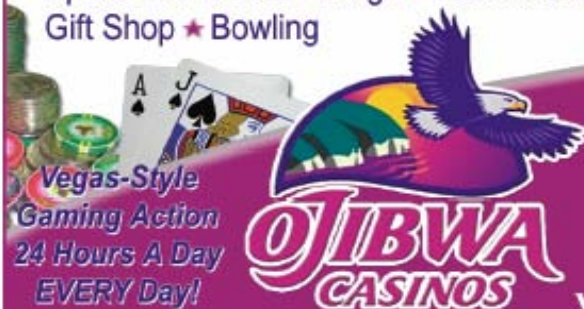
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Recipe of the Month

Hamburger Wild Rice Casserole, submitted by Dorothy Stephens

1 cup wild rice
1 lb. hamburger
1 cup diced celery
1 lg. onion, chopped
1 sm. Can mushrooms
1 can cream of mushroom soup
3/4 cup milk



Cover rice with boiling water and let soak for one hour.

Brown hamburger until redness is gone. Add celery, onion, mushrooms, soup and milk. Add to drained rice.

Bake in covered two quart greased casserole for one hour at 325°.



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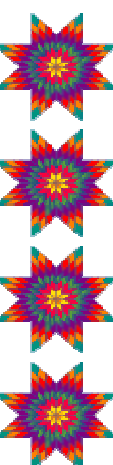
New Year

PLEASE NOTE: KBIC DAYCARE TELEPHONE # HAS CHANGED:

We have returned to using -
524-6626, ext. 11.

This change is due to the large
volume of calls into the class-
rooms. Daycare staff will be able
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our children who attend Daycare.

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/Employment Opportunities

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Assistant Tribal Attorney - open until filled

On Call positions: LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales
Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker

For complete job announcement, application and closing dates contact:

KBIC Personnel Department
107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140

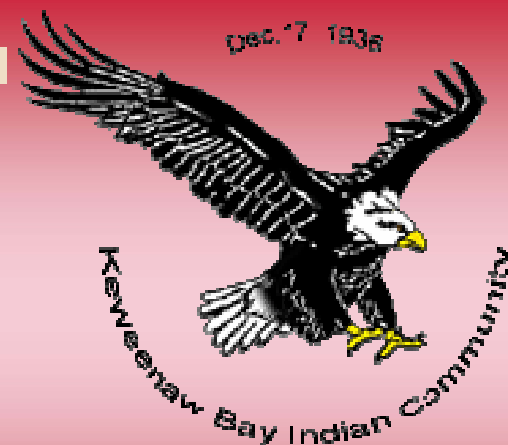
Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>





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Elected Council Members Take Oath



President LaFerner (left) swears in new members of the Tribal Council. Left to Right—Toni Minton, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Doreen Blaker, Larry Denomie III and William E. (Gene) Emery.

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on January 7, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, Shawanung and Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews present.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner spoke of the recent unique opportunity she had of attending a rally with other sulfide mining opposition groups on the steps of the Lansing Capitol building on December 7, 2005. She reported that they were able to speak with the governor's staff and the staffs of the Speakers of the House and Senate. Later many commented on the proposed set of rules for the permitting and regulation of non-ferrous metallic sulfide mining in the State of Michigan at the last of the three public hearing by the DEQ. Donald Carlson, Virgil Loonsfoot, John and Joe Jacker, Todd Warner, John Baker and Charles Brumleve also attended, and she thanked them for their support and hard work on this most important issue.

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- **KBIC says farewell to Keith Tourtillott Sr.**
- **John Kappler, Chair of KBOOC's Business Degree Program hired**
- **KBIC honors JoAnn Pennock at retirement party**
- **KBIC Employee Recognition**
- **Children's Indoor Play Center To Open**
- **Ojibwa Casino Staff donate to "Toys for Tots"**

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The Tribal Government Employee Christmas Party was a great success. President LaFerner had given the Welcome and helped with the 2005 Employee Recognition Program. Seventeen employees with 10-31 years of service were recognized. Congratulations to these dedicated employees. Congratulations also to JoAnn Pennock, Court Clerk, who will be retiring on January 13th, after many years of service. A farewell luncheon was also held for Keith Tourtillott at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens on December 20th. His last day of work was December 22nd.

A reminder that our Second Annual Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Winter Traditional PowWow will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center. Grand entry is at 1:00 p.m. The Cultural Committee will be honoring the Tribal Council at 10:30 a.m.

President LaFerner thanked fellow Council members, the community and all of KBIC's wonderful staff for all of their help and patience this past year as well as to all who have contributed to the success of our Tribe. President LaFerner finished her report with, "It has been my great privilege to serve my Tribe as the President."

Larry Denomie III reported on Council meetings held during the month of December 2005, in the Secretary's report. Items of importance noted were approval of \$65,000 for the Baraga Fire Department to purchase a new fire truck (paid from 2% funding with 1/2 to be paid in March 2006, and 1/2 in September 2006); approved purchase of land improvements from Bev Lussier; approved purchase of digital camera equipment for the Marquette and Baraga Casino Surveillance Departments for \$8,740 and \$24,140 respectively; approved \$30,100 for steam gauge installation and operation on the Yellow Dog River and the Salmon Trout River; approved Title 27—Administrative Procedures Ordinance/Enrollment Amendment #2; approved employee gaming licenses; approved a Business License for George Geroux; denied gaming license for badge #B0098; approved \$75 employee Christmas bonuses for Enterprise and Pines employees; approved \$50 gift certificates for Tribal Construction employees; approved Resolution KB1443-2005 Deputization Agreement; and approved promoting the deputy court clerk to chief clerk, who will be taking the place of the retiring chief clerk.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jennifer Misegan, in which she stated "today ends two years that I have had the opportunity to hold the position of Treasurer of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. It is a responsibility that I have taken very seriously. It has been a pleasure to work with our CFO, Francis LaPointe and his accounting staff. They are very knowledgeable, hardworking and diligent. The financial structure of this Tribe is very involved and often overwhelming. It has been a lot more work than I expected, as we have had a lot of firsts in the last two years. The first financial information was given to the community in many years, and audits were posted. The community was provided projected budgets for 2006 and the year-end number for 2005. For the first time that I am aware of, we were able to get a clear picture of what actually occurred, what was made, what was spent, what was remaining at the end of the fiscal year and it was all provided to the community. When I first sought election to the Tribal Council, I thought I could make a difference. Looking back at these past years, I know that I have—that we have. We have brought individuals together who not so long ago were enemies. We have fought to treat all members equally and progress has been made to limit the political powers of the Council. As members, we have responsibilities. We need to be more involved. We need to attend Council meetings and make sure that we understand the issues. We need to acknowledge that the roles of our Council members is not just to attend meetings. We need to ask them questions and expect honest complete answers. Thank you to all the individuals and members who have supported and encouraged me. Many of you have been wonderful. There is a verse in the Bible that says, 'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might!' And that is what I did."

Sarah Smith (Interim) CEO, indicated in the CEO Report that the following projects were worked on: Research on costs of subcontracting with Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) for the Head Start and Early Head Start Program, records management system & building, Even Start grant, Community Development Financial Institute (CDFI), Child Abuse & Neglect Policy, and adjustments to the Cell phone policy. In the research of subcontracting with ITC for Head Start and Early Head Start programming, the question of research was whether or not there would be an extra cost to the Tribe for changing the employer of these programs from ITC to the Tribe. Given the different benefit package the tribe would be offering to the same em-

ployees of these programs, the cost would increase \$35,019.61 for one full year. The reason for this increase is currently ITC employees are offered the benefit of being able to contribute to an IRA account if they elect no health care coverage. This incentive is not available through the Tribe, so employees who elected no health care coverage with ITC would be requesting health care coverage through the Tribe.

Initial research has begun by the IT and Reality departments to set up a central records building. There currently is an overload of old records that need to be dealt with. A quote has been obtained to set up a building and a records management system to reduce the amount of paper generated, including maintaining record consistency and preserving tribal records. The building and records management system plans have been placed as number one on the priority list in applying for grant funding. Regarding the Even Start grant—a letter has been drafted and sent to the Dept. of Education along with the credentials of the proposed coordinator and staff. Eric McGhee of the Dept. of Education has indicated that our proposed change of implementing the Even Start grant directly, instead of contracting with BHK, is acceptable, as long as the credentials are met or exceed the ones provided in the grant application. This program will run through the Ojibwa Community College with Debra Parrish as the project director, Mary Deline as the coordinator, and staff are planned to be hired during the month of January.

The CDFI task force are conducting interviews with various tribal members for a market study to determine what type of loan products and needs are within the tribal community. This initiative is intended as a stepping stone for those seeking to start small businesses but do not have the financial backing through a conventional loan. Regarding the Child Abuse and Neglect Policy—meetings were held with the Daycare Director, Social Services, Tribal Police and Attorney to draft the policy. The policy has been completed and will be forward to Council at their next meeting. Sarah wished to thank all who have worked several hours on this policy.

The CEO office also worked on Emergency Assistance requests, processed and approved budgets and modifications, billed for the administrative fees for the Tobacco Ordinance, and consulted with the Tribal Attorney on ongoing employee investigations.

Allen Gauthier requested travel assistance to attend HACCP Training in Bayfield, WI. Discussion revealed two other members who wished to attend the same training, one of which had attended a previously HACCP training. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to financially assist with mileage and meals for those who wished to attend HACCP Training for their first time, supported by Elizabeth Mayo, and carried.



Stacey Van Buren, of the March of Dimes presented President LaFerner, on behalf of the Tribal Council, with a beautiful ceremonial staff for the support the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has provided to them and for allowing Ruth Bussey (Health Director) to attend meetings and a recent recognition dinner regarding the March of Dimes program. Ruth Bussey, at this time, announced to Tribal Council that KBIC/DHHS has been awarded a \$25,000 grant to help with preventing birth defects. The grant will run in conjunction with our current Healthy Start Program, which



Ruth Keller coordinates for DHHS.

Sarah Smith presented the revised Cell Phone Policy to Council for approval. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve the policy, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., five support (Denomie, Loonsfoot, Blaker, Emery, Minton), six opposed (Mayo, Dakota, Misegan, Swartz, M. LaFernier, Shawanung), motion defeated.

Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve Resolution KB1445-2006 (Great Lakes Basin Constitutional Amendment), supported by Larry Denomie III, and carried.

KBIC Veteran's Van bids were reviewed. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to purchase the van from Public Service Garage with fleet price of \$20,940.92 for the KBIC Veterans, supported by Warren (Chris) Swartz Jr., one opposed (Dakota), and carried.

Michael LaFernier Sr. requested the need to solicit renters for the Marquette Terminal. The amount of \$6,000 is available in the Gundlach Budget. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to utilize up to \$6,000 for Gundlach Champion to solicit business ventures to lease the Marquette Terminal, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., and carried.

Kim Klopstein, Election Board Chairperson, provided Council with election results. Following a re-count of ballots the election board reports the findings of: 77% of registered voters did cast ballots in this election. In the Baraga District—Doreen Blaker received 226 votes; Larry Denomie III received 172 votes, Jerry Magnant received 112 votes, Matthew Shalifoe Sr. received 102 votes, Rick Geroux Sr. received 95 votes, William Chosa received 42 votes, Donald Carlson received 25 votes, Mike Cardinal received one write-in vote and James Rasanen received one write-in vote. In the L'Anse District—Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews received 222 votes, William E. Emery received 191 votes, Toni Minton received 189 votes, Charlie Gauthier received 165 votes, Jennifer Misegan received 161 votes, Robert Genschow Sr. received 138 votes, Colleen Emery DeRoche received 66 votes, Arlan Friisvall received two write-in votes, Judy Smith received one write-in vote, and Valerie Voakes received one write-in vote. President LaFernier announced that the results indicate Doreen Blaker and Larry Denomie III as three year seats in the Baraga District, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and William E. Emery as three year seats in the L'Anse District, and Toni Minton as the two year seat in the L'Anse District. Motion by Jennifer Misegan to approve/certify the election results, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., abstaining—Blaker, and carried.

President LaFernier provided Jennifer Misegan with recognition gift and thanked her for all of her dedicated work for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as a Council member for the past three years.

Five newly elected Council members (Blaker, Denomie, Matthews, Emery and Minton) were sworn into office by President LaFernier.

Reorganization of Executive Committee was conducted with the results being: President—Susan LaFernier, Vice President—Warren (Chris) Swartz Jr., Secretary—Larry Denomie III, Asst. Secretary—Doreen Blaker, and Treasurer—Toni Minton.

Depository of funds: 1) Superior National Bank, 2) River Valley State Bank (formerly National City), 3) Commercial National Bank, 4) Wells Fargo, and 5) Republic Bank. Motion by Michael LaFernier Sr. to accept the given financial institutions as KBIC depositories, supported by William E. Emery, and carried.

Motioned by Elizabeth Mayo for the entire Council to be listed as check signers, supported by Doreen Blaker, and carried.

John Baker submitted for approval a business license for John Vuk and Sons Forestry Products, Inc. Motion by William E. Emery to approve a business license for John Vuk and Sons Forestry Products Inc., supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., and carried.

Cherie Dakota requested approval of Resolution KB1444-2006 (LaPointe Medical Clinic expansion Grant Application). The KBIC/DHHS will be applying for a grant to add on to the Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to pass Resolution KB1444-2006 (Resolution is necessary to apply for this grant), supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., and carried.

Donald Carlson gave an update on the Mercury spill which occurred on the Skanee Road, near the reservation. He requested the Tribal Attorney look at the details for KBIC to offer a \$10,000 reward for information leading to an arrest for the incident, due to the amount of time it took to clean up the spill and for the stress it put on the community. Larry Denomie III motioned for the matter to be tabled until the local authorities complete their work on the incident first, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

President LaFernier presented a request for a donation from the Chassell Snowmobile Club for their 2nd Annual Ice Festival. Last year Eagle Radio broadcasted live at the event, which they are requesting to happen again this year. Motion by Michael LaFernier Sr. for Eagle Radio to provide live broadcasting at the 2nd Annual Ice Festival, supported by Fred Dakota, and carried.

President LaFernier presented a request of the Farm Service Agency County Committee for a board member appointee. Donald Carlson was appointed last year. Motion by Doreen Blaker to reappoint Donald Carlson as the KBIC representative for the Farm Service Agency County Committee, supported by Michael LaFernier Sr., and carried.

Warren (Chris) Swartz Jr. suggested that a small committee be formed to meet on investigation of Low Cost Heating Fuel, Gasoline, and Diesel fuel ventures that are available with Venezuelan government. Volunteers within the Council agreed to form this committee, and a meeting date would be scheduled.

President LaFernier presented a request for a donation from the Keweenaw Bay Ice Crystals. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to forward the request to the Ojibwa Casino, supported by Fred Dakota, and carried.

Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with Attorney John Baker and President LaFernier on the agenda.

KBIC HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START NEWS

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start Programs are excitedly riding on their new bus thanks to the KBIC Tribal Council's generous donation. A Chi Megwetch to all of you, and everybody who has supported our programs in all ways.

Our programs are full to capacity—28 Early Head Start Children and 34 Head Start Children, and we have waiting lists for both programs. We will begin registration for next year, April 3, 2006. We will ask everyone interested in enrolling their children for next year 2006-2007, to do so after this date.

The Parent Committee sponsored a sleigh riding party at the school on January 8, 2006. About 40 participants enjoyed our sledding hill, hot dogs, hot chocolate, cookies, chips and juice. The Parent Committee will try to sponsor "family events" monthly. Bowling and a fun day at the KBIC gymnasium are a couple upcoming events in the makings.

A BIG event will be May 13, 2006, the Annual Head Start Children's Powwow, will be hosted by us at the KBIC Gymnasium. Our Head Start Graduation will also be on this same day. We are asking that any Tribal Programs or Businesses that are interested in donating to help support this event can graciously do so by calling 524-6626 and ask for Terri Denomie.



OJIBWA CASINO STAFF DONATE TO "TOYS FOR TOTS"



Employees of the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga raised a total \$2700 to assist in the area Toys For Tots campaign. Laura Mayo, Guest Services Supervisor, who organized the event indicated "We were able to raise the money from employees, who paid a dollar a day to wear jeans to work for a period of two weeks." The group then headed to Wal-Mart and purchased many wonderful gifts to fulfill the wish lists of many area youth.

A CALL FOR PRESENTERS

AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Green Bay, Wisconsin, March 11-14, 2006.

Seeking presenters for the AIHEC Conference—The host committee is looking for presenters on all subjects related to the best practices in sustaining our nations through higher education, tribal colleges, student development, career exploration, grant management, academic achievement, student retention and communication. Presenters are needed for student, faculty, administration and/or staff focused workshops. Seeking interactive and informative sessions.

Key Strands—The following have been identified as key strands for review during the conference: research, language preservation, curriculum design, cultural integration, technology, leadership development, facilities development and incorporation of elders into our systems.

Questions? Call Geraldine Sanapaw at (715) 799-5600, ext. 3084 or email gsanapaw@menominee.edu.

MEDICARE PART D: If you have not been to a Medicare Part D presentation and have questions, please contact Michelle St. George @ 353-4207 or Cherie Dakota @ 353-4521, at the Tribal Health Department. We will schedule home appointments for homebound seniors. Miigwetch!

KBIC HEADSTART/EARLY HEADSTART CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS



Face painting was provided by Diane Charron (left) at the HeadStart/Early HeadStart party with the help of assistant elf Louella Wood (right). John Messer III is the youngster receiving his choice of painting—a birthday cake. It may be Christmas but it had been his dad's birthday the day before!

KBIC HeadStart/Early HeadStart Program held their Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at the Niiwiin-Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, MI. Sixty children visited with Santa Claus, who gave each of them a present. The children, their families and staff participated in a potluck luncheon. Children were able to receive a face painting of their choice. RIF theme—"A book is gift you give yourself," made it possible for each child to choose a book to bring home with them. RIF (Reading is Fundamental), which is a nation wide program to promote reading. Frosty the Snowman and his friend Crystal also made an appearance and visited with the children.



NEW HIRE — ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST



Char Beesley has joined KBIC on December 8, 2005, as an Environmental Specialist. Char has resided in Baraga County her entire life, she was raised in Skanee. Char received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biological Science, as a 2005 Michigan Tech graduate.

Char indicated, "Having being raised in Baraga County, I have a vested interest in the sustainability of our natural resources, as well as the environmental quality and public health of our community. I appreciate the opportunity this position provides in working closely with various environmental programs that promote the welfare of our environment and people, as a way to contribute to the community."



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Donald Tolonen, Jr.

(June 9, 1956—December 28, 2005)

Donald E. "Toly" Tolonen, Jr., 49, of Zeba, passed into the spirit world, Wednesday, December 28, 2005, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital, following a "warriors" battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Donald was born June 9, 1956, in Green Bay, Wisconsin, a son of Donald Sr. and Myrtle (Matthews) Tolonen.

He worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Construction Company for a number of years and the Ceda Program with Glen Maki. Donald also made a living as a commercial fisherman for many years prior to his illness. He served in the National Guard for several years, beginning in 1976, and was a member of the KBIC.

Donald was an avid Detroit Lions, Pistons, Tigers and Red Wings fan. He also enjoyed playing baseball. His passions of life were nature, fishing, and trapping. He often mentioned to his mother that "there was nothing more beautiful than the sun rising and setting on Lake Superior."

Donald Jr. (Toly) is survived by his fiancé, Dawn Gauthier of Zeba, who lovingly spent her time by his side during his illness; mother, Myrtle Tolonen of Zeba; 5 daughters, Charlotte Lee of San Francisco, CA, Trista Francois of Zeba, Beth (Dan) Connor of Zeba, twins Brigette and Cheryne LaPointe Tolonen of Baraga; 2 sons, Joseph Francois and Tyler Tolonen of Zeba; 4 grandchildren, Tristan, Joseph, Jonathan Francois and Easton Clements; sister Cheryl (Donald) Denomie of Zeba; brothers John Tolonen of Marquette and Glenn Tolonen of Zeba; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. His father, Donald Edsel Tolonen Sr. preceded him in death.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 31, 2005, at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins.



NEW HIRE — CHAIR OF KBOCC'S BUSINESS DEGREE PROGRAM



John Kappler has been hired as the Chair of KBOCC's Business Degree Program. Mr. Kappler brings to OCC his extensive education consisting of a MBA in Finance from Babson College and a BS in Accounting from Michigan Tech. He has completed the Management Development Program at Northeastern University, and has completed the Uniform CPA Exam. He has previously taught as an adjunct teacher at MTU. Given this education and background, Mr. Kappler will teach a variety of business sub-

jects including accounting, finance, computer applications, taxes, management, organizational structure and small business environment. Mr. Kappler is a Navy Veteran. Welcome aboard!

Recipe of the Month

Three Sisters Corn, submitted by Lori Sherman

1 pound frozen whole kernel corn
1 pound frozen green beans
4 cups summer squash, diced
1 pint fat free sour cream
1/2 cup egg substitute, beaten
4 tablespoons margarine, melted
1 cup yellow cornmeal
1/2 cup Jalapeno peppers, diced
1/2 cup reduced fat Monterey Jack Cheese, diced
Vegetable oil spray

In a large mixing bowl, mix sour cream and egg substitute together. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Coat a baking pan or casserole dish with vegetable oil spray and fill with mixture. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until golden brown.

Yield: 10 (1cup) servings
Nutrition per serving: calories 203
Percent calories from fat 29%
Sodium 402 mg
Cholesterol 3 mg



WANTED:



Input is requested from community members regarding the Ojibwa.com website. Tom Chosa of the KBIC/IT Department is in the process of redesigning the site with a main focus on culture, history, language, arts, etc. Community members who are interested should submit ideas for the site to Thomas@kbic-nsn.gov

NOTICE: TO ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2006-2007** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the KBIC License Department, located in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2006.

Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by: **Friday, February 10, 2006**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees will be: \$75.00 for Small Boat/On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat/Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat/Off Reservation. All tribal members who apply must have completed the required U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and Critical Point (HACCP) Training and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also includes fishing vessel information which requests: the vessel's name/number/length.

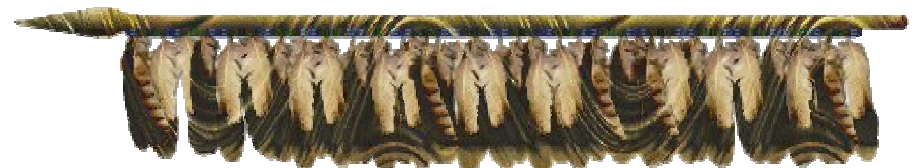
For Boat Safety Inspections—

Contact—

Officer Tim Tilson/KB Conservation 353-6626;

Officer Dale Goodreau/KB Conservation 353-6626; or

U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock 482-1520



AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Kamerin Awonohopay, born 12/27/05 to Christine and Erick Awonohopay. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20½ inches in length.



2006—KBIC Tribal Council



(Left to right), front row—Toni Minton (Treasurer), Doreen Blaker (Asst. Secretary), Warren “Chris” Swartz Jr. (Vice President), Susan LaFernier (President), Larry Denomie III (Secretary), back row—Shawanung (Joe Dowd), Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., William “Gene” Emery, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo. (missing from photo—Fred Dakota).

KBIC says farewell to Keith Tourtillott Sr.

With much regret, KBIC said farewell to Keith Tourtillott Sr. at a luncheon in his honor, December 20, 2005. Keith Tourtillott Sr. has accepted employment closer to his home in Wisconsin. His final day as KBIC’s CEO was, December 23, 2005. Mr. Tourtillott Sr. held the position of CEO for 2 1/2 years with our tribe. Keith stated, “I have been extremely honored to have been able to come up here and work for you. This position of CEO has been one of the best jobs that I have had, and it has been a learning experience for me with the great variety of responsibilities it brought. On any given day, I got to work on one subject for ten minutes and then another matter would walk in the door. I want you to know—the choices I’ve made were for the community. It’s all about you.”

On behalf of the community, President LaFernier presented Keith Tourtillott Sr. with a parting gift—a beaded necktie. A group photo was taken. President LaFernier informed him, “We definitely will miss you, and your Menominee knowledge. Good luck in your new position.”



KBIC YOUTH PARTICIPATE IN EXTRA-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES— BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING



#14 Chris Loonsfoot, sophomore, plays for L'Anse Hornets Varsity Team.



#30 Shayn Foucault, senior, plays for L'Anse Hornets Varsity Team.



#42 Steven Denomie, junior, plays for Baraga Vikings Varsity Team.



#14 Mark Smith, sophomore, plays for Baraga Vikings Junior Varsity Team.



Amber Geroux, freshman, cheerleader—cheers for the Baraga Vikings Varsity/JV teams.



Melissa McSawby, junior, cheerleader—cheers for the Baraga Vikings Varsity/JV teams.



#12 Kelly Shanahan, plays for the Baraga 8th Grade Basketball Team.



#34 LeRoy Gauthier, plays for the Baraga 8th Grade Basketball Team.



#41 Dylan DeCota, plays for the Baraga 7th Grade Basketball Team.



#32 Adam Dakota, plays for the Baraga 7th Grade Basketball Team.



#10 Alden Connors Jr., plays for the L'Anse 7th Grade Basketball Team.



#4 Leif Forcia, plays for the L'Anse 7th Grade Basketball Team.



#22 Kyle Soli, plays for the L'Anse 7th Grade Basketball Team.



#56 Nicholas Mayo, plays for the L'Anse 7th Grade Basketball Team.



Cheerleaders for the Baraga 7th & 8th Grade Basketball Teams. (left to right) Tashina Emery, Lindsay Cote, Breanna Fish and Jade Chaudier, Jennifer Klopstein, and Sherelle Loonsfoot.





KBIC HONORS JOANN PENNOCK AT RETIREMENT PARTY

A retirement party was held on Friday evening, January 6, 2006, in the Chippewa Room, in honor of JoAnn Pennock's retirement from KBIC. Susan LaFernier thanked JoAnn for the wonderful service she has provided the tribe and presented her with a retirement gift. Judge Bradley Dakota spoke of his appreciation to her dedication to the Court. JoAnn Pennock retires from KBIC after 13 years with Tribal Court, 1 year with the Tribal Attorney's office and 5 years with the Ojibwa Casino.



MELVIN LAFERNIER JR. COMPLETES DUTIES IN IRAQ



Completing his duty in Iraq, National Guardsman, Melvin LaFernier Jr. returned home in time to enjoy the holidays with his family. He, along with fellow National Guardsmen of the Ishpeming-based 107th Engineer Battalion, Assault & Obstacle Platoon, were met by an enthusiastic crowd of family and friends, and Governor Jennifer Granholm, at the Sawyer International Airport on Friday, December 16, 2005. Melvin LaFernier Jr. had been called to active duty on October 30, 2004. He arrived in Kuwait on December 31, 2004 and from there was deployed into Iraq. LaFernier served 13 months of active duty overseas.

LaFernier stated that he drove a 54-ton Cougar truck originally designed for breaching mine fields but was now armored for IED blasts. LaFernier worked on IED (roadside clearance) for Task Force Ironhawk. His platoon was trained for this job and were trained for when they reached a mobilization site, but were always struggling to keep ahead of the enemy. "The training didn't help much, we kept learning as we went along. The insurgents kept getting more sophisticated, more smarter. I'm glad we made it home, a few of our guys didn't make it back," LaFernier stated.

Now that he is home, Melvin plans on relaxing with his family for awhile and then studying to become a x-ray technician.



KBIC MEMBER MARINE ENLISTMENT

Patrick Donald Bawden, son of Patricia A. Bawden and the late Donald F. Bawden, recently graduated from Marine basic training at M.C.R.D. San Diego, CA. Patrick will do further training at Camp Pendleton, CA, and 29 Palms as a wireman for communications. Patrick graduated from Marquette Senior High School in 2002, and was employed as a security guard at Ojibwa II Casino before enlisting in the Marines.



KBIC EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

An Employee Recognition was held at the Tribal Government Christmas Party. President Susan LaFernier presented the recognition, "As the end of the year approaches, we would like to take a moment from the usual rush to thank all of you and let you know that even though we don't always see many of you, we do appreciate you. Each of you have a department to be proud of for all of the wonderful work that you do for our Community. It is my pleasure to present to you seventeen of our employees who have given the Tribe their time and talent for ten years or more. On behalf of the Tribal Council, we congratulate you for this honor and recognition."

Receiving a \$30.00 gift card: Jason Ayres—10 years; Cherie Dakota—10 years; Julie A. Raby—10 years; Peter P. Jaukkuri—10 years; Dominic Picciano—11 years.

Receiving a \$40.00 gift card & 15 year clock: Suzanne Dakota Kahkonen—15 years; Lori LaFernier—15 years; Evelyn Ravindran—15 years; Kerry Picciano—15 years; Pauline Knapp Spruce—15 years.

Receiving a \$50.00 gift card & clock if not previously received: Francois LaPointe Jr.—20 years; Elizabeth Mayo—20 years; Duane Misenigan—20 years; Gloria Shalifoe—23 years; Philomena Ekdahl—24 years.

Receiving a \$100 gift card (received clocks previously): Donald R. Chosa—34 years; William Seppanen—31 years.



CHILDREN'S INDOOR PLAY CENTER TO OPEN

Thanks to a grant awarded from the Ruth Danley & William Enoch Moore Charitable Trust, the Children's Indoor Play Center will be opening at the end of February 2006. The Ojibwa Community College received the grant award on December 15, 2005, which will be used to build the play areas. These funds will be utilized to purchase sensory room equipment, i.e. cuddle therapy swing, fiber optic curtain, floor mats and a projector that will display soothing and calming images. A nature trail with a wigwam will be purchased for storytelling along with other materials and toys for the other areas, such as a Hand Zone, Infant/Toddler Zone, Big Muscle Zone, Quiet Area, Area of Pretend, Creative Arts, Music Room, Sensory Room, Theater/Puppet Stage and a boat shaped desk with aquarium, which will be in the welcoming area.

OCC construction trainees and staff constructed the desks and cubbies for the center. Through a KBIC Youth Club project, elementary and high school students will help design each of the play areas as a school project. Permanent recognition of youth's art will be given.

Hasbro has donated a number of toys, which are expected to arrive soon. If anyone would like to donate non-porous toys (no stuffed animals), please call Kristen Thoresen at 353-4602 or Mary Bergerson at 353-8163. Names of these donations will be displayed on a wall frame at the center. Donor plaques will also be displayed on a wall at the center. KBIC employees can make donations through payroll deduction by contacting the payroll office. All funds raised will be used for the new building construction, which is planned to be located on the college campus near the Niiwin Akeaa Center. Until construction on the new building is complete, the Children's Indoor Play Center will be located, temporarily, downtown Baraga on Superior Ave., (the old OCC fitness center).

This center is designed to be a family-oriented learning and play environment, where parents and children can engage in interactive activities which are universally accessible to children of all abilities. Education and networking support to families, including childcare, respite care, family fun nights, day camps, movie nights, celebration room for children's birthday parties and a parent resource room will be available at the center. The public is invited to attend IPC meetings to help make this Children's Center a community focused project. The Indoor Play Center Committee will be holding a naming contest for the center. For additional information, contact Debbie Parrish at 353-4601.



OJIBWA LIBRARY



The Ojibwa Community Library has switched its Reading Buddies program to Tuesday's @ 5:30 p.m. The next session will be on January 24th. Please call us @ 353-8163 for information.

You may have heard about the book 'A Million Little Pieces' and controversy surrounding the author and the content of the book. He does admit adding to the story, but for the most part it is true. The book has helped many with their addictions, and that is a good thing. The library has several copies of the book. The bad publicity has generated the selling of more copies!!!

Recently two books have been picked by patrons as great reading. They are 'The Kite Runner' and 'A Million Little Pieces'.

Mary Bergerson
Library Director



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE— Ojibwa Community College—Niiwin Akeaa and NETA, a non-profit fitness professional association, are co-sponsoring the following national-recognized workshops:

GROUP EXERCISE CERTIFICATION on Saturday, March 25, 2006, @ 8:00 a.m. Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background required. Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written exam, two-year certificate and membership.

KICKBOXING WORKSHOP on Saturday, March 26, 2006, @ 8:00 a.m. NETA's Kickboxing Certification will train you to execute, choreograph and perform typical kickboxing moves safely and effectively. Experience the fitness craze for yourself and your students. Get certified with NETA!

Event Location: Ojibwa Community College—Niiwin Akeaa Center, 111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908. Local contact: Rachelle Bachran (906)353-4608. To register: Call 800-AEROBIC or register online at www.netafit.org.

A Message from KBOCC Honoring Our Health Program

Some Michigan Statistics—

- People in Michigan are among the most overweight in the United States.
- In 2002, sixty-two percent of Michigan adults were either overweight or obese.
- Due to unhealthy lifestyles, this generation of children may be the first who do not out-live their parents.
- Eighty percent of Michigan adults don't eat the recommended amounts of fruits and vegetables each day.
- More than 50% of Michigan adults don't get the recommended amount of physical activity each day.
- Tobacco kills more people in Michigan than AIDS, alcohol, automobile crashes, fires, drugs, murders and suicides combined.
- Quitting smoking can significantly reduce the risk of dying from heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer.
- More than 90% of all adult smokers begin while in their teens, or earlier, and more than half become regular, daily smokers before they reach the age of 19.
- Each year nearly 2,000 deaths in Michigan are due to exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Unhealthy lifestyles like these increase the risk for over 30 chronic diseases that can be prevented, including the leading causes of death – heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes. These chronic diseases are rooted in the three unhealthy lifestyles:
 - Physical inactivity
 - Unhealthy eating
 - Tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

Michigan Steps Up

What is Michigan Steps Up? Michigan Steps Up is the Michigan surgeon General's healthy lifestyles campaign to help reduce risk factors that threaten the health of Michigan's citizens by—

- Increasing physical activity
- Improving healthy eating
- Reducing tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke.

The Good News— Even small changes in lifestyle can lead to big health rewards

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All the tools you need to start improving your health are available at the Michigan Steps Up website, www.michiganstepsup.org

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- Information on how to reduce your exposure to secondhand smoke
- Programs and materials to help you increase your physical activity
- Daily health tips from the Michigan Surgeon General
- Readiness quizzes
- Tips and links to resources for People with disabilities
- And much, much more.



Community Calendar - February 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February— Black History Month Healthy Heart Month National Cancer Prevention Month National Children's Dental Health Month National Condom Month National Wear Red Day Feb. 3			1	2 Groundhog Day	3 National Wear Red Day!	4 Tribal Council meeting, 9 am
5	6	7 5:30 pm Reading Buddies	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 5:30 pm Reading Buddies; Healthy Start Program 11:30 am-1:00 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20 President's Day, Tribal Gov't Offices are closed.	21 5:30 pm Reading Buddies	22 3:30 pm, DM presentation by Carol Grafford @ OCC—room 111	23	24	25
26	27	28 5:30 pm Reading Buddies	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov		Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	

2006 DHHS CALENDARS MAILED



Over 2500 calendars were mailed out in late December to all Keweenaw Bay tribal members 18 and over, nationwide. The mailing process took one week to complete. Interns from KBOCC and employees from the KBIC Health Dept. all volunteered their time to complete the project. The calendar featured pictures from the local community and health tips for the New Year. It was dedicated to the memory of Denise Marth, RN, MSN, who was employed as the community health coordinator at the KBIC/DHHS. This project was funded through the STEPS grant. Anyone who would like a calendar can pick one up on the 2nd floor of the KBIC/DHHS, 102 Superior Ave., Baraga, MI. [pictured above are (left) Katrina Genschow and (right) Kelsey Mayo]

*You Are Cordially Invited To Attend
The KBIC/DHHS's
Healthy Heart Program*

**February 14, 2006
Ojibwa Senior Center
11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Lunch To Be Served at 12:30 p.m.**

Program Begins Promptly at 11:30 a.m.

**Guest Speakers:
To Be Announced**

11:30 A.M. -
11:50 A.M. -
12:10 P.M. -

**This program is sponsored by the KBIC Community Health Dept.
and the KBIC Diabetes Program**

February 3, 2006, is
National Wear Red Day!

National Wear Red Day is a day when Americans nationwide will wear red to show their support for women's heart disease awareness.

The *Heart Truth*—a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease—launched the Red dress as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in February 2003. National Wear Red Day promotes the symbol and provides an opportunity for everyone to unite in this life-saving awareness movement by showing off a favorite red dress, shirt, tie, or Red Dress Pin.

Join the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; Office on Women's Health; U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; Women Heart; the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease; American Heart Association; and many other groups to promote National Wear Red Day in your local community.

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is recognized nationally as Black History Month as a result of the efforts of Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves. At the age of twenty, he enrolled in high school, graduated in two years, and went on to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard. In his studies, Dr. Woodson found that history books largely ignored contributions of the Black American population, and when references were made to Black Americans, they were generally negative. After many years in academia, Dr. Woodson gave up his career to dedicate himself to writing Black Americans into America's history. In 1926, he launched Negro History Week as an initiative to bring national attention to the contributions of Black people throughout American history. With the resurgence of the Black Pride Movement of the 1970's, the celebration evolved from a one week celebration into Black History Month. The month serves as a way for people of African descent to articulate their concerns, preserve their heritage, and highlight their accomplishments. The theme of the 2006 Black History Month is: **Celebrating Community—A Tribute to Black Fraternal, Social and Civic Institutions**. The month highlights the contributions made by Black community organizations that have empowered people of African descent to move forward and achieve their goals.

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College will be sponsoring several Black History Month activities. Call the College at 353-4606 for details.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXERCISE CERTIFICATE TRAINING. Scholarships are available for the Exercise Instruction Certificate Program (see ad on page 9) being held on March 25th & 26th at the Tribal College. Interested persons must be 18 years or older, a KBIC Tribal member and willing to provide 8 hours of group exercise instruction after certification. Interested persons should contact Kathy Mayo at 353-4519 or pick up an application from the Diabetes Program located in the Tribal Health Department.



PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS
ENFORCEMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE
TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS ORDINANCE

The following Guidelines are issued pursuant to the authority granted to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Tribal Employment Rights Office (hereinafter referred to as TERO) by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The Ordinance requires the preferential employment of Indians by all employers operating within the jurisdiction of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

3. Specific Indian Preference Obligations of Covered Employers

I. Indian Preference in Hiring Employees

The contractor/employer must give preference to qualified Indian applicants, for all new positions, job vacancies and negotiated positions. Order of preference shall be as follows:

[INDIAN PREFERENCE]

1. In all projects or contracts where federal/state dollars are being used, the following order of preference applies:
- a. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Members;
 - b. Indians Enrolled in Other Federally Recognized Tribes.

[TRIBAL PREFERENCE]

2. Preference requirements in projects funded by the community; the following order of preference applies:
- a. Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Members;
 - b. KBIC descendants;
 - c. Indians Enrolled in Other Federally Recognized Tribes;
 - d. Spouses of Community members;
 - e. All Indians.

For more information, contact the Office of Tribal Employment Rights at (906) 353-4167.

OFFICE OF TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

RECRUITING NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR POSITIONS WITH KBIC EMPLOYERS (APPLICANTS MUST BE 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, AND MEET LOW INCOME GUIDELINES TO QUALIFY. ALL POSITIONS ARE PART-TIME 20 HOURS PER WEEK AND PAY \$5.15 PER HOUR):

CUSTOMER GREETER: Provides assistance to customers entering or leaving the building.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS AIDE: Provides assistance to patrons at hotel with personal services, take messages, arrange or give advice on transportation, business services or entertainment, or monitor guest requests for housekeeping and maintenance.

INVOICE CONTROL AIDE: Compile, compute, and record billing, accounting, statistical, and other numerical data for billing purposes. Prepare billing invoices.

OFFICE AIDE: Answer inquiries and obtain information for general public, customer, visitors, and other interested parties. Provide basic clerical support.

LIBRARY AIDE: Must have public relations and interpersonal skills; be able to sort and shelve books, issue and receive library materials and file according to identification number and title. Register patrons to permit them to borrow books, periodicals, and other library materials.

NATURAL RESOURCES AIDE: Perform routine ground and building maintenance such as picking up litter, emptying trash containers and routine maintenance.

FOOD & NUTRITION AIDE: Performs a variety of food services duties.

RECRUITING IRON WORKERS TRAINEES

The National Ironworker Training Program for American Indians conducts twelve week training sessions and is fully funded to qualify applicants which include lodging and weekly stipends. You must provide your own transportation to and from school and to training locations.

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

U.P. PLUMBERS' & PIPE FITTERS', U.A. LOCAL 506 are taking applications.

For more information, contact Debra Williamson—TERO/EEO Director
at the Office of Tribal Employment Rights at (906) 353-4167, tero@kbic-nsn.gov



Vocabulary

dada ojibwemoda - Let's speak ojibwe!

ambe oma - Come here.

nind ija - I want to go, I will go.

kitchi ogaming - to the big lake

gashkadin - it freezes over, it is frozen over

anindi - where; where to

ija - he goes

wewebanabi - she/he goes fishing

giigoo - fish

nibi - water

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lege Native American
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Find the Ojibwe words and phrases:

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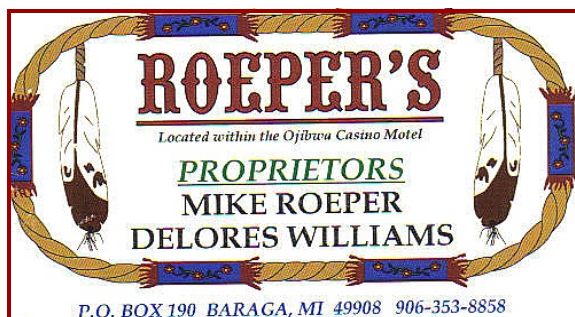


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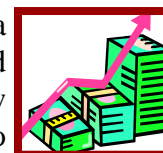
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certified business coun-
selor in the Baraga
County area. Sessions
are free and confiden-
tial.



President LaFernier (right) presents Jennifer Misegan (left) with recognition gift and thanked her for all of her dedicated work for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as a Council member for the past three years.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/Employment Opportunities

Assistant Tribal Attorney - open until filled
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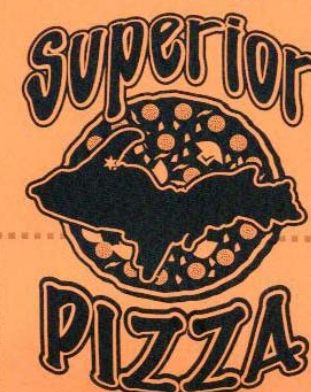
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For complete job announcement, application and closing dates contact:

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GIKENDAM CHIWIKWEGAMAG



Pictured above during a men's traditional exhibition is Kyle Dowd, age five, dancing alongside Lester Drift Jr. (Boise Fort), Head Male Dancer.

The Second Winter Traditional Pow-Wow was held at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga on Saturday, January 28, 2006. "Honoring Our Tribal Council," was this year's theme. The event was organized by the KBIC Cultural Committee.

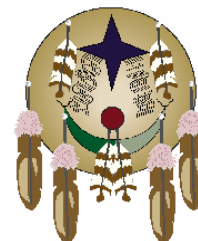
The day began at 10:30 a.m. with a special program "Honoring Our Tribal Council." Geraldine Mantila, of the KBIC Cultural Committee, presented the Welcome and Introductions followed by a prayer offered by Dorothy Sam of Mille Lacs. Earl Otchingwanigan offered a Traditional Teaching, followed by a fiddle solo by his son, Keenan Quaderer.

Earl Otchingwanigan, guest speaker, currently resides in Crystal Falls. He was a Professor Emeritus, at the Minnesota University at Bemidji. He retired after 30 years of teaching Ojibwe language. A fluent speaker, he grew up in the Ojibwe language and culture. As a youngster, he learned many traditional Ojibwe skills including: birch bark canoe making, wigwam building, snowshoe making, birch bark basket making, hunting, fishing and trapping skills. He has been a speaker at many colleges and high schools in the Midwest. He was twice the recipient of the Outstanding Native Teacher Award in Minnesota and a recipient of a Smithsonian Institution Cultural Award. He has been a consultant and presenter for the Smithsonian since 1975, and has been featured in a number of books and several films.

Keenan Quaderer is 12 years old and in the 7th grade at Forest Park Schools in Crystal Falls. He has been playing the fiddle for two years and taking music lessons from Barbara Sherman of

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFernier, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- Sulfide Mining in the U.P.
- KBIC Receives Buffalo
- February 4, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC/DHHS Healthy Heart Program
- 2nd Annual Winter Pow-wow (more pictures, page ningod-waaswi)
- KBIC New Hires
- Birch Tree, a legend retold
- Aabinoojiyens
- Community Calendar

Caspian and Laurel Premo of Amasa. He has played at a number of schools. This past summer he participated at the Native Fiddle Festival in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He is helping keep alive the Native Fiddle Tradition—a long part of Native culture for over two hundred years since the fur trade era.

The Cultural Committee honored present Tribal Council Members (Susan J. LaFernier—President, Warren C. Swartz—Vice-President, Larry J. Denomie III—Secretary, Doreen G. Blaker—Asst. Secretary, Toni Minton—Treasurer, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth C. Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung) along with thirteen past KBIC Tribal Council members (Leonard Bill Cardinal, William C. Chosa, Terri L. Denomie, Rosemary Haataja, William W. Jon-dreau, Beverly A. Lussier, James A. LaPointe, Isadore G. Misegan, Jennifer Misegan, Amy D. St. Arnold, Richard J. Shalfoe II, Pauline

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FEBRUARY 4, 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on February 4, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Doreen Blaker, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Shawanung present.

Numerous 'Thank You' correspondences were recognized. In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner announced that at the January 12, 2006, Special Tribal Council Meeting, the Council made a motion to combine the Tribal President and CEO positions. It was a surprise to her, and since that time, we have had a very busy few weeks. She will be calling a staff meeting in the near future. We will continue our goals for the new Marquette Casino and the two-part application, which has been much more of a challenge because of the possibility of new Off-Reservation Gaming changes. We intend to implement our Comprehensive Plan, continue with the protection of our rights/sovereignty/land, health of our people, relationships with local governments and other tribes, finalize our Personnel Policies revisions for our Government/Businesses/Enterprises, revise a number of Ordinances, and implement one personal goal of President LaFerner's—Adopt-A-Road Program. President LaFerner announced that she is honored to be able to serve as the CEO of our Tribe and asks for your prayers and patience as we adjust to this change. Please keep everyone in your prayers who are ill and have lost loved ones, continue your prayers for all of our men and women in the service and for peace on earth. President LaFerner thanked Ed Janisse and the staff of Eagle Radio for all of their hard work with the great coverage and ads for the return of the 107th Engineering Battalion to our hometowns. Also thank you to all who welcomed them home. It was exciting to see everyone on the streets and at the Armory.

In January, Ruth Bussey, our Health Director, was appointed to the County 9-1-1 Board. On January 6, 2006, President LaFerner offered the prayer at JoAnn Pennock's Retirement Party and presented her a check from KBIC. JoAnn's retirement party was planned by Brad Dakota and Tribal Court staff. On January 20, 2006, President LaFerner participated in a conference call meeting with I.T.C. Executive Board of Directors. This was the second meeting within the last few months. Council will receive a copy of the minutes when she receives them from I.T.C. She also participated in another conference call meeting with Bemidji I.H.S. Tribal Advisory Board on January 24, 2006. President LaFerner also met with the Hiring Committee to discuss hiring procedures. The 2nd Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Winter Traditional Pow-wow held on Saturday, January 28, 2006, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center was a wonderful success. A big thank you to the Cultural Committee for all their hard work with the Pow-wow and also in the honoring of thirteen past Council Members as well as our present Council. President LaFerner gave the welcome at Grand Entry and had the privilege of honoring our Elders—Rosemary Shulstad and Elzior "Bucky" Collins, and Miss Keweenaw Bay, Brittanee Gauthier.

President LaFerner informed the Community that our Tribe was not involved with the Lobbyist Jack Abramoff scandal. Mr. Abramoff pleaded guilty to numerous federal crimes dealing with conspiracy, fraud and tax evasion in Florida and Washington D.C. He admitted to conspiring with Michael Scanlon, his former colleague, in defrauding several of his tribal clients by directing them to pay millions in consulting and media relations fees to Scanlon, without disclosing that he would be receiving millions in kickbacks from Scanlon. This has led to more investigations with other lobbyists, lawmakers, their aides and other officials. It is probable that there will be changes to federal election and lobbying reforms and possible changes to the IGRA. (See following article, information from NIGA.)

On February 3, 2006 James E. Zorn began employment as the new Executive Administrator for the Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission. He succeeds the late James H. Schlender who died unexpectedly on August 30, 2005.

President LaFerner sadly announced that the State Joint Committee on Administrative Rules finalized the mining rules on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, and raised no objections. We will be responding as soon as she discusses the issue with our KBIC specialists and attorney.

Toni Minton offered the Treasurer's report in which she stated that she met with the previous Treasurer, Jennifer Misegan, and also met with Dawn Richards, Interim Comptroller, to begin reviewing the tribal budgets. She would like to feel more comfortable with the budget report and meet with the CFO before she gives financial reports.

Larry Denomie III, reported on Council meetings held during the month of January 2006, in the Secretary's report. Items of importance noted were approval of an amendment to Resolution KB1444-2006 to include an in-kind match; approved having the President serve as the CEO; tabled a request to advertise for KBIC Gaming Commissioners until after the Gaming Ordinances are passed; approved additional funds for the KBIC Veteran's van so a storage compartment could be included; approved issuing a letter of support for the L'Anse Township water main extension; approved funding for three elders to attend the Indigenous Farming Conference; tabled a request for the AIHEC Student Conference; tabled a request for sponsorship for the Lake Trout Festival fireworks show until more information becomes available; approved a special deer tag request for the mid-winter

Pow-wow; approved use of the community building for the Baraga Schools prom; approved returning 22 hours of annual leave for case #001-06 and to uphold the CEO's decision and send a letter regarding case #002-06; approved \$5000 for the 2006 Annual AIHEC Conference and \$75 for registration; approved budget modifications in the amount of \$40,000 for the OCC Student Fund; approved \$7400 for the purchase of a snow mobile for the Natural Resources Dept.; approved Resolution KB1448-2006 for the Tribal Wildlife Grant; approved \$17,500 for the purchase of a copier for the Harvey Casino; tabled a donation request from Pete Morin for the Fourth of July fireworks show until he meets with the Lumberjack Committee; approved \$10,179.17 in funding for the OCC Library; approved Resolution KB1446-2006 approving authorized signers for MDOT contracts with Tribal Construction; approved \$500 for the Baraga Elementary Basketball Tournaments; approved \$230 for Pete Chosa; tabled Resolution KB1447-2006 Adoption of the Baraga County Hazard Mitigation Plan; approved the Comprehensive All-Hazard Health Response Plan; approved Jennifer Misegan, Bob Genschow, Larry Denomie III and Kim Klopstein to serve on the Secretarial Election Board for the upcoming election on 18-21 year olds having the ability to vote; tabled a funding request for the Native American Rights Fund until additional information is received; approved business licenses for KBOCC Children's Indoor Play Center, KBIC Daycare and John Hebert Construction; approved gaming vendor licenses for Bally Gaming and Shuffle Master; approved to not revoke gaming license badge #R003 and to rehire the individual for 90 days and to have the General Manager draft a policy regarding the rehiring of terminated employees (to be completed in 30 days); approved not sending 1099's for the vehicle tax reimbursements; approved not sending 1099's regarding the Christmas Gift Checks pending legal consultation; approved engagement of services for lobbyist firms Wilmer Hale and Gardner Carton and Douglas; approved the Dorsey Contract; approved a policy to issue \$1000 per family for fires involving their primary residence to be paid other than the \$250 emergency funding; approved promoting three employees at New Day from on-call temporary status to regular part-time effective January 23, 2006; approved a 50/50 raffle license for the Pressbox with the proceeds to go to the Baraga County Shelter Home; approved sending 1099's for the Christmas Gift Checks and not to send them for the Senior Assistance Program.

On January 30, 2006, Larry Denomie, Doreen Blaker and John Baker traveled to Washington D.C., to attend the National Indian Gaming Association Winter legislative Summit. The two main topics were potential legislation on amending the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and campaign finance. The major concern with campaign finance was how Tribes are being blamed for the Abramhoff scandal. The second issue is the proposed amendments to IGRA. Senator McCain has introduced Senate Bill 2078, which if approved could affect our move from Harvey to Negaunee. They attended a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Off-Reservation Gaming—The Process of Considering Gaming Applications. George Skabine from the Dept. of Interior gave testimony, as well as Penny Coleman, Acting General Counsel for the NIGC. Larry Denomie indicated it is pretty clear to him that after listening to the witnesses and the questions from those on the committee that some form of amendment to the act is possible. We do have our lobbyists working on this issue. We have also met with Congressman Stupak's Legislative Director and Senator Levin's Legislative Assistant. We have provided them with the history and an update on our process as well as our position on the proposed IGRA amendments. We asked for their support and help on the issue. During the hearing, Senator McCain did ask that the BIA's proposed regulations for Section 20 be out in 30 days and that consultation with Tribes take place. He did state that additional hearings would take place soon. At the end of the month, the National Congress of American Indians is hosting the 2006 Tribal nations Legislative Summit in Washington D.C., and it would be a great opportunity to meet with other members of our delegation as we must make not only our presence but our position known.

Eddy Edwards, Director of Ojibwa Housing Authority, requested the creation of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing and Community Development Corporation (KBHCDC), a non-profit corporation. OHA has been awarded a ROSS RSDM-Family grant from HUD in the amount of \$165,913. The grant will specifically help OHA residents increase economic self-sufficiency. The grant will allow OHA to create a \$45,000 Individual Development Account (IDA) program, assist 50 tribal member residents with free tax preparation, \$12,000 toward childcare and transportation needs for tribal members going to school, and to provide tribal member residents with group and individual financial/business/education counseling via a partnership with our OHA Homeownership and Financial Counseling Program. The corporation status is needed to administer the grant and pursue additional funding through sources OHA is currently ineligible for. KBIC is one of two tribes nationally that has been awarded this grant. Usual candidates receiving this grant are cities such as Detroit. Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr. to table until more information is available (a pending corporation ordinance, which Doreen Blaker will work on with Ed Edwards), supported by Elizabeth Mayo, and carried.

Youngsters William and Steel Jondreau and Jessica Wickstrom presented a gift to the

Tribal Council as their appreciation for the new Head Start bus. William Jondreau and Marianne Wickstrom are representatives of the Head Start Parent Committee. Each Council member received a coffee mug that states, "I've made a difference in a child's life."



Duane Smith presented the Baraga County Hazard Mitigation Plan and requested support through Resolution. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to authorize Resolution KB1447-2006, supported by William E. Emery, opposed by Swartz, and carried.

Warren C. Swartz requesting a donation for the Native American Rights Fund. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to donate \$5000 to the Native American Rights Fund, supported by Warren C. Swartz, and carried.

Susan LaFerner presented a service agreement for Princess (Harriet) Pine regarding tax help for the seniors and other community members. KBIC will pay for our senior citizens forms, and other community members can utilize the tax service with payment of \$10 per form. Motion by William E. Emery to authorize senior citizen finance for tax forms, authorize a motel room for three nights and pay Princess Pine mileage, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., and carried.

Susan LaFerner presented a request from Jay Loonsfoot, who is seeking permission to photocopy the publication, *The Chippewa Land of Keweenaw Bay*. He wishes to utilize the publication for a class that he is teaching at Ojibwa Community College. Motion by Doreen Blaker to grant permission for Jay Loonsfoot to photocopy the publication for use in his teachings, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, and carried.

Susan LaFerner presented a request from Rose Kariainen for a donation for the Alcohol Free Valentine's Dinner and Dance. Proceeds will be donated to the Kyle Gauthier Medical Fund. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to donate \$500 for the Alcohol Free Valentine's Dinner and Dance, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Ty Curtis, a Baraga High Senior, requested financial assistance for himself and eight other students to participate in a Physics field trip. The nine students (seven from Baraga and two from L'Anse) will travel to Chicago and conduct experiments while on rollercoasters. He requested the amount of \$1610, which will be used for van rental, motel expenses and entry fees. Each student will be responsible for their own meals. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to authorize \$1610 for the Physics trip, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., and carried.

A request by the Marquette Junior Hockey Association was forwarded to the Marquette Casino Marketing staff.

Department Head Reports were approved. Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with Attorney John Baker and President LaFerner as per the agenda.

Information distributed by National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA):

MYTHS AND FACTS: INDIAN TRIBES & CAMPAIGN FINANCE

In an attempt to deflect attention caused by the Jack Abramoff scandal, some may seek to make scapegoats of Indian Tribes. Criminal defense attorneys use this tactic to avoid prosecution for their clients' wrongdoings.

FACT: Jack Abramoff's defrauded, lied to, and personally disparaged his tribal clients. Abramoff violated the trust of not only Indian tribes, but also politicians, banks, major corporations, charitable organizations, a Federal territory, his own law firm and the public.

As a result of Abramoff's actions, the American public has called on Congress to reform the way that Capitol Hill does business. **BLAMING INDIAN TRIBES FOR ABRAMOFF'S ACTIONS IS NOT REFORM! KNOW THE FACTS....**

MYTH: "Federal law [provides a loophole of] Indian tribes to contribute to an unlimited number of candidates—**unlike other individual donors**, who are subject to limits."

FACT: Federal election law, provides for an aggregate limit of \$101640/election cycle for individuals—a.k.a. single human beings. This provision was an attempt to prevent what

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Mitchell calls the "Million Dollar Donor" from single handedly influencing an election.

However, under federal election law the aggregate limit does not apply to unincorporated entities. Examples of such entities under FECA and BCRA are Indian Tribes, State and local governments (which represent large communities), and Political Action Committees (PACs) LLCs, LLPs, cooperatives, law firms, lobbying firms, and others (which represent large groups of individuals).

MYTH: "Indian Tribes have no spending limits and unduly influence elections?"

FACT: Tribal contributions made up one-third of one percent of nationwide contributions in the 2004 election cycle. Indian Tribes contributed \$7.2 million in the 2004 cycle, which accounted for 0.36% of the more than \$2 billion in contributions made nationwide. In comparison, the oil and gas and energy sectors contributed \$50.6 million to federal campaigns in the 2004 election cycle. The securities and investment industry contributed \$89.9 million to federal candidates and parties in the 2004 cycle to push for private accounts in Social Security, and the pharmaceutical and health products industry spent more than \$800 million in federal lobbying and campaign donations at the federal and state levels in the past seven years.

MYTH: "An Indian tribe **does not have any reporting obligations under the law**, [which] represents a massive and inexplicable loophole in federal law."

FACT: Tribal contributions are disclosed in the same way that most contributions are disclosed—by the political committee and entities that receive them. As with contributions received from any source, Federal laws require recipients of tribal contributions to disclose the source of those contributions. These disclosures are a matter of public record available to any and all interested parties.

Federal election laws single out PACs for disclosure requirements to shed additional light on the sources of PAC funds. *PACs are entities created by corporations, unions, and other organizations for the **express and sole purpose** of contributing to Federal campaigns.*

FACT: Native Americans were the last to be granted the right to participate in American politics. Prior to 1924, when Tribes had no voice, the U.S. imposed policies that caused the taking of hundreds of millions of acres of tribal homelands, the murder of millions of American Indians, and suppression of tribal culture and religion. Today, Tribes are beginning to participate and beginning to rebuild their once forgotten communities. Now is *not* the time to reverse this progress.

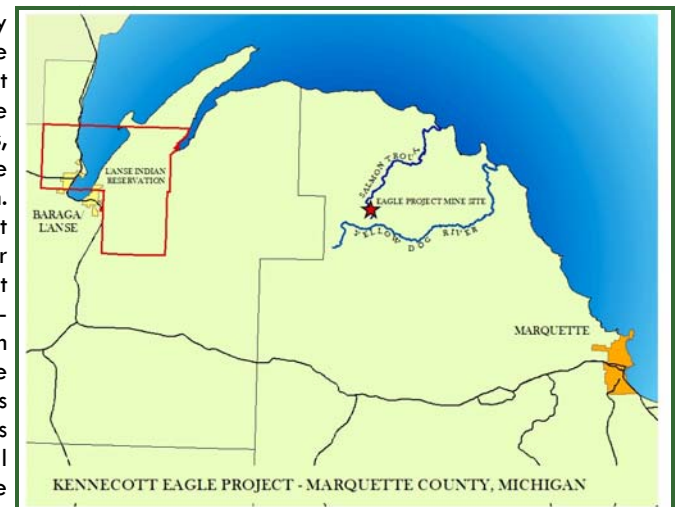
It would only serve to compound the injustices done by Jack Abramoff for Congress to blame the targets of his criminal conduct. **BLAMING INDIAN TRIBES IS NOT REFORM!**

The real problem is Jack Abramoff, a lawyer and lobbyist. Abramoff was a member of a major national law firm, and his clients, both Indian and non-Indian, were entitled to the highest standard of professional conduct. The conduct of Abramoff and his colleagues are the gaps in federal law that Congress should focus on.

SULFIDE MINING IN THE U.P.

As many Keweenaw Bay Tribal members know, there has been a lot of talk about sulfide mining. It has been the subject of newspaper articles, editorials and public debate at meetings and on television. Many have a feeling that sulfide mining is not good for the Community but may not know much about sulfide mining and how it applies to us in the central U.P. This is the first of a series of articles related to mineral deposits and mining in the U.P. that will appear in this newsletter, the GIIKENDAAM CHIWIK-VEGAMAG.

A mine has been proposed by Kennecott Minerals Company. The target of this mining is an ore deposit beneath the Yellow Dog Plains located in Michigamme Township in north-west Marquette County. The mine site is not far from the Baraga County line and the eastern L'Anse Reservation boundary.



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NEW HIRES at KBIC



Grant Specialist— Dave Goode

Dave Goode was born and raised in Flint, Michigan, where he was formerly employed as an Education Coordinator for the Genesee Indian Center. He also attended college in his hometown and earned a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Michigan-Flint. After graduating, Dave worked overseas and in Washington D.C. as an English Instructor and editor-writer.

Dave is a single father of a 32-month-old son who enjoys spending time with his grandfather in Calumet.



Program Director— Tim Shannahan

Tim Shannahan has been hired as the Business Counselor of the Anishinaabe Anoki Small Business Center. He is a life long resident of the reservation and is married with three children, all living here. Tim previously worked a number of years for the Tribe in Enrollment, Business Development and was the first Realty Officer. He was an active participant in the development of the Motel Complex, Health Center and Marquette Casino. Tim will be assisting tribal members entering business, and those in existing businesses become more successful. He is a State Licensed Real Estate Appraiser and a former motel owner. Tim knows the challenges of being in business first hand and is eager to help those interested. The center will be located at the old CNB building on U.S. 41 in L'Anse, the phone # is 524-2222.



Deputy Court Clerk— Jennifer Westman

Jennifer Westman began working as the Deputy Court Clerk on February 16, 2006. She was previously been employed as a Human Resources Clerk for the Ojibwa Casino. She worked in the Human Resources Department for almost five years. She has taken various classes through Gogebic Community College and Ojibwa Community College.

Jennifer lives in Baraga with her husband, John. They have been married for over five years and are in the process of adopting a baby from Guatemala. Jennifer states, "I am looking forward to serving the tribe as the Deputy Court Clerk."

KBIC TRIBAL HEALTH PATIENTS! If you use an after hours emergency service and want to access Contract Health Service for payment, you must notify Elvera Lantz, Contract Health Specialist, **within 72 hours!** (Patients 65 and older must notify Elvera Lantz within 30 days.) Elvera can be reached at 353-4537. You can leave a message at Elvera's phone, even if the Health Building is closed. Please be advised that payment of health related bills is determined by the Indian Health Service priority system. CHS Booklets, which explain the priority system, are available at the Tribal Health Clinic. Miigwetch!



Water Resources Technician— Catherine Racette

Catherine "Kit" Racette has been hired as a Water Resources Technician. Kit, a KBIC member was born and raised in the area. She has been enrolled at Ojibwa Community College since 2001. She currently is taking classes. She completed a four-week Internship through the college this summer with the Natural Resources Department. Kit began her new employment at the end of January and is enjoying her job.



Program Assistant— Tina Durant

Tina Durant was hired on January 25, 2006, as the new Program Assistant for the Anishinaabe Anokii—First People's Work Center. This small business center is set up by the KBIC to support existing and develop new tribal member—owned businesses. Tina's position is to assist the Program Director. She will help schedule financial training and business classes, set up meetings with a credit counselor, and assist anyone who comes into the center. The center will have computers available for the public to use, as well a copier, a fax machine and resource materials.

Tina was born and raised in Baraga. She has two beautiful children, Austin and Allison. Tina states that she "loves this area and hopes our community continues to grow and prosper so that my children will want to stay here too."

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Meet Aundrea Loonsfoot, born 01/12/06 to Teri Loonsfoot. She weighed 7 lbs. and was 18 inches in length.



Meet Christian Tyler Kelly, born 02/08/06 to Angela and Chris Kelly. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20 inches in length.



Meet Kayan Goodbird, born 01/27/06 to Tamara Kent and Corey Goodbird. He weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches in length.



"Akiimadizwin" Women's Retreat

3rd Annual Women's Retreat, is April 8-9, 2006. Registration is required. For registration form and/or information contact: Peggy Minton at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility, 353-4510 or email plminton@hotmail.com



Meet Dhanya Grace Ekdahl, born 02/07/06 to Sheila Ekdahl. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches in length.



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The term *sulfide mining* implies that sulfur is being mined. While some sulfur is mined, the purpose of sulfide mining is the removal of metals. When the rock formed over a billion years ago, relatively high concentrations of several metals and sulfur were present in the magma. The metals and sulfur combined to form metallic sulfur were present in the magma. The metals and sulfur combined to form metallic sulfide minerals. Nickel and copper are the primary metals but minor amounts of several other metals are also present.

The ore deposit is comprised of approximately five million tons of rock containing 3.7 percent nickel and 3.1 percent copper. As you can see from these percentages, there is considerable barren rock that must be mined in order to remove the rock that contains the economic concentrations of nickel or copper. This is the "waste rock" which may still contain metals and sulfur, but not enough to ship all the way to Canada for smelting. The waste rock is a by product of the mining process and remains on the mining site.

The waste rock produced by the mining of metallic sulfide minerals is different from that of the copper and iron ores we are familiar with because it is chemically reactive. When sulfide minerals are exposed to air and water, a chemical reactions occurs and the product of this reaction is often sulfuric acid, more familiar to most of us as battery acid. The acid and lower pH water dissolves and carries toxic metals into the surrounding environment.

Sulfide mineral mines around the world, going back as long ago as Roman times, have and still are creating environmental damage as the sulfuric acid and metal metals seep out of the mines and leach out of the waste rock piles into nearby streams, rivers and groundwater aquifers. The terms Acid Mine Drainage (AMD) or Acid Rock Drainage (ARD) are often used to describe this process.

Mining in sulfide mineral ore bodies in Michigan's Upper Peninsula presents a potential threat to native wildlife, particularly trout and other aquatic species. Mining can turn world-class trout streams into dead zones in which fish and other aquatic wildlife cannot survive. Other potential threats to the environment from the proposed mine include subsidence of the surface after mining, effects of dust and ore transportation, sedimentation of the rivers, the effect dewatering the mine could have on the water table level and water quality impacts to the aquifer due to waste water disposal.

And as if to mock the wilderness they are disturbing and industrializing, Kennecott has named this project the Eagle Mine.

- Charles Brumleve, Environmental Mining Specialist, KBIC

HEALTHY HEART PROGRAM



Dr. Dale Schmeisser demonstrates how easy it is to prepare a healthy heart Chocolate-Pumpkin Cake recipe.

February 14th— The Community Health at KBIC/DHHS organized a Healthy Heart Program for the community. A presentation was given by Dr. Oh on what is CVD (Cardio Vascular Disease). He included advice on how to reduce the risks associated with CVD. A demonstration on how easy it is to prepare a healthy heart dessert was given by Dr. Dale Schmeiser, who also included information on how to cut fat without losing taste. Dr. Marianne Brady spoke of how anger and depression is bad for the heart. She demonstrated with the audience how to open their hearts by making a mental list of what they are grateful for and seeing how it made them feel after thinking about the list.

A delicious lunch was prepared by Roeper's consisting of chicken, salmon, wild rice, noodle salad, and a Chocolate-Pumpkin Cake cupcake. Snyder Drug Store, Western U.P. District Health Department, and KBIC Medical Clinic had booths available for information and sampling items. All ladies received a carnation as it was Valentine's Day.

KBIC RECEIVES BUFFALO

The buffalo meant a lot of different things to many of America's Native Peoples. As long as there were wild herds of buffalo, there would be food and clothing, tools and utensils, among many other uses. A few weeks ago, KBIC Cultural Committee and Tribal Historic Preservation Office were notified by Michigan State University Extension, American Indian Liaison, Nick Reo, of an opportunity to receive the gift of a wild buffalo. We were told that 70-80 buffalo had been captured outside of Yellowstone Park and were being slaughtered in Rigby, Idaho, and the meat, hides and horns would be distributed to Indian Tribes. The KBIC Cultural Committee and New Day Treatment Center decided to work together to bring a buffalo to KBIC, and agreed to share the cost of shipping and processing. On Wednesday, February 8, 2006, the buffalo along with four others were delivered to Manistee, Michigan, home of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Once there, Bay Mills Indian Community Chief of Police, Terry Carrick, made the trip from the Upper Peninsula to Manistee to pick up three of the buffalo. KBIC Tribal Conservation Officers then met Chief Carrick, to transport the KBIC buffalo to the reservation. Gerry Mantila, Tribal Cultural Committee Member, indicates that the buffalo meat will be utilized in a community feast, which will be announced at a later date.

There is a lot of controversial information on the buffalo slaughter. Basically what happened, according to Summer Cohen, Tribal Historical Prevention Officer, is the bison that inhabit the Yellowstone region are the last wild, genetically pure, unfenced bison left in the country. They are the only bison to have continuously occupied their native range and they are the last bison to follow their natural instinct to migrate. Like other wild ungulates, the region's harsh winters force necessary migration onto lower elevation lands where available forage is found. Yet, unlike other wild ungulates, wild bison are not allowed to leave the confines of Yellowstone National Park and face a zero-tolerance policy when they enter Montana. The reason for this policy is due to what's called brucellosis eradication. Park officials and ranchers believe that if the buffalo leave the park and mix with the cattle herds, the buffalo will infect the herds with brucellosis. There are a lot of mixed opinions on this subject. For more information on why the Yellowstone National Park bison are being slaughtered—go to www.yellowstone.net.



ANNOUNCEMENT—BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WATER RESOURCES TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM
 JUNE 4 TO JUNE 30, 2006 @ New Mexico State University—Las Cruces, NM
 For **AMERICAN INDIANS AND ALASKA NATIVES**

Applications are now being accepted. Deadline for applications is March 10, 2006. Please send all applications to Mr. Mo Baloch, BIA, Br. Of Water Resources, Mail Stop-4655, 1849 C St., NW, Washington D.C. 20240. At this time, NO internet access is available for the BIA. For additional information regarding applications and qualifications, please contact Mo Baloch (202) 208-6042 or Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956.

For a listing of requirements to be considered for the training program, please see Debra Williamson at the TERO office, or call 353-4167.

*** NOTICE OF ELECTION***

March 3, 2006

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

At the request of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Council, the Midwest Regional Director has authorized a Secretarial Election to permit the qualified voters of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to either adopt or reject a proposed amendment of Article IV- Nominations and Elections, Section 6, of the Tribal Constitution.

THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION DATE IS: May 2, 2006

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR § 81) and Pub. L. 100-420, as amended by Pub. L. 101-301.

Adult members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community who are 18 years or older on May 2, 2006, who physically reside on the reservation and who register to vote, may vote in the election.

Voter registration packets are being mailed March 3, 2006. An adult tribal member, who physically resides on the reservation and does not receive a voter registration packet in the mail, should request one from the Chairman of the Election Board or contact an Election Board member. **The voter registration form must be completed and returned to the Election Board Chairman no later than 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time on March 31, 2006.**

It should be returned in the manner directed in the registration packet. If necessary, the voter registration form can be telefaxed or hand delivered to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency by 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on March 31, 2006. The address and telefax number are given below. Voter registration forms received after that date and time will not be accepted.

The Registered Voters List will be posted April 7, 2006, in all tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

There will be 1 polling place. It will be at the: Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center
 Baraga, Michigan
 Time: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Registered voters may cast their ballot in person at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center or by requesting that an absentee ballot be mailed to them by indicating in the space provided on the registration form. An adult member who is qualified to vote but who will be absent from the reservation on election day, or who because of illness or physical disability will be unable to vote at the designated polling place shall be entitled to vote by absentee ballot. Those requesting absentee ballots will be provided instructions on completing and mailing their ballot.

A copy of the proposed amendment is included in each voter registration packet and is also available for review in all tribal offices and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

The ballots will be counted on May 2, 2006, after 7 p.m. Immediately after the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency.

The Election Board appointed to conduct the election is composed of the following people:

Gerald F. Parish, Election Board Chairman
 Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency
 2901.5 I-75 Business Spur
 Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

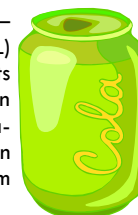
Toll free: 877-659-5028 ext. 3111 / **Fax Number: (906) 632-0689**

Larry Denomie III, Member
 Robert Genschow, Member

Kim Klopstein, Member
 Jennifer Misegan, Member

EVEN IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS, YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD.

FUND DRIVE — Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College— Student Chapter of American Indian Business Leaders (KBCC-AIBL) is having a can drive throughout the March and April. The profits from this can drive will go towards funding the AIBL students on their trip to the National Conference in Arizona this April. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Cans may be dropped off in the Admissions Office at KBOCC Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.





GRAND ENTRY



President LaFerner visits with honored elders while their family and community members danced an honor song in their recognition. (left to right) Rose M. Shulstad, Elzior W. Collins, President Susan LaFerner.



Head Female Dancer—Lori Sherman and Head Male Dancer—Lester Drift Jr.



Pictured above—Traditional Speaker, Earl Otchingwangan with members of the KBIC Cultural Committee. Pictured to the right—Keenan Quaderer performs a fiddle solo.



Knapp Spruce, and Wayne J. Swartz), each of whom received a gift from the KBIC Cultural Committee. Plans are to honor prior to 1995 Council members at next year's event.

Grand Entry began at 1:00 p.m., followed by KBIC Tribal President's (Susan LaFerner) Welcome. The Invocation was offered by Dorothy Sam and the KBIC Color Guard conducted the posting of the colors. Honored Elders Rose M. Shulstad and Elzior W. Collins were recognized and presented with honorarium gifts.

Rosemary Shulstad was born to Rosalie and Peter Magnant on May 22, 1914. She had seven siblings: Pauline, Edward, Cecile, Peter, Kathleen, Jeanne and John. She graduated from the Baraga Township School system in 1931. After graduation, she moved to Detroit with her family and worked in housekeeping and clerical. In August of 1935, she was united in marriage to Herbert Shulstad of Baraga at the Church of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Michigan, and she returned to Baraga with her husband to make their home. Rosemary has three daughters, Pauline (Albert) Goodreau, Rosalie (Stanley) Waara, and Kathleen (Robert) Acton. She also has 14 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Rosemary was a "stay at home" mom until her children were out of elementary school. During her "stay at home" years, she worked

as a seamstress doing alterations for Kohl's Store in Baraga and individuals. She also would get orders from the Square D Company in Detroit for tooling bags made of white flannel which were measured, cut and sewn in the dining room of her home. In 1955, she went to work for the Baraga School system where she worked as secretary/bookkeeper until her retirement. At that time her dining room returned to normal. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting and doing craft projects. Today she enjoys cards, reading and watching sports on television.

Elzior W. Collins—Bucky, is a 1940 L'Anse High School graduate. He was a gunners mate, in World War II, and a L'Anse Village Police Officer for 12 years. He worked at the Cleveland Cliffs Mine for 16 years and was a former owner of the Nite Owl Café in L'Anse for many years—where he learned to make homemade white bread. He has continued to make bread for his family and friends for over 30 years. He is a widowed father of seven children with 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. He is also a lifelong member of the Sacred Heart Church in L'Anse, a 50 year member of the L'Anse V.F.W. and a 25 year American Legion member. He is an avid hunter, trapper and fisherman.

A special recognition to honor Miss Keweenaw Bay, Brittanee Gauthier occurred, who offered a sincere speech to the public. Host Drum was the Woodland Singers of Keweenaw Bay, who provided a day full of beautiful songs, with the help of Invited Drums — 4 Thunders (LVD/KBIC), Pipestone (Odanah) and Loon Travelers (Keshena). Erick Awonohopay did a terrific job as Emcee. Arena Director, Stan Spruce and Assistant Arena Director, Robert Rajacic are to be commended for a job well done. Head Veteran Dancer for the event was Chris Swartz—Keweenaw Bay, Head Male Dancer was Lester Drift Jr.—Boise Fort, Head Female Dancer was Lori Sherman—Keweenaw Bay, Head Male Youth Dancer was LeRoy Gauthier—Keweenaw Bay and Head Female Youth Dancer was Tiana Drift—Keweenaw Bay/Boise Fort.

At 3:30 p.m. a Honor Song for the Pink Shawl Project occurred. A delicious feast was held at 5:00 p.m. Chi Miigwetch to the cooks, you did a fantastic job. Second Grand Entry occurred at 6:00 p.m.



Summer Cohen (left) with her sister Michelle Reed (of Crestview, Florida). Michelle is visiting KBIC while her husband is away in Iraq.

Donovin Awonohopay dances with little brother Naethin Awonohopay.



Miss Keweenaw Bay—Brittanee Gauthier. Brittanee is the daughter of Diana Carlson and Charlie Gauthier of Zeba.



"Learning to Walk Together" Traditional PowWow will be held on March 18-19, 2006.

The 14th Annual "Learning to Walk Together" Traditional PowWow is sponsored by the NMU Native American Student Association (NASA). Grand entries are Saturday 3/18 at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm, and Sunday 3/19 at 1:00 pm. Location will be the Vandament Arena. This is a drug and alcohol free event. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Steve Knauf @ 227-1397 or email sknauf@nmu.edu.



Celebrating with our Friends, Family and Community—16th Annual Native American Competition Pow-wow will be held on Saturday, April 1st (11 am—9 pm) and Sunday, April 2nd (11 am—6 pm) at the University Arena, Campus of Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, MI. Event is open to the public. Opportunities for volunteer positions and vendor space are available. Contact 269-321-0760 or email xochiltosi@yahoo.com.



The Native American Student Association and the Office of Multi-Ethnic Student Affairs at the University of Michigan are pleased to announce:



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Children (3 and under): Free
Family Passes: \$25.00

Weekend Admissions Rates

Weekend Passes (All categories): \$15.00

No Group Sales At The Door

Advance Ticket Sales for individuals, family passes, weekend passes and group sales call: (734) 763-TKTS (763-8587).

March 25th
DOORS OPEN: 10:30 A.M.
GRAND ENTRIES: 12:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

March 26th
DOORS OPEN: 10:30 A.M.
GRAND ENTRY: 12:00 P.M.

Host Drum: Midnite Express, Minnesota/Co-Host Drum: High Spirit, Michigan
Master of Ceremonies: Wallace Coffey, Oklahoma

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [HTTP://www.umich.edu/~powwow/](http://www.umich.edu/~powwow/)
OR CALL (734) 647-6999

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EVEN START PROGRAM -

The KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program utilizes a family-centered education model that improves the academic achievement of young children, and the literacy skills of their parents. The main goal of the program is to teach parents the necessary skills to be the primary educator for their children while completing their own education. The program focuses upon family literacy which ultimately leads to economic self-sufficiency. The elementary teachers will provide age-appropriate educational strategies to prepare children for success in school and in life. The adult/secondary teacher will work to prepare the parent to earn his or her diploma or GED. All three Even Start teachers work together as a team with each participating family.



Jacalyn Salloum—Literacy Teacher. Jacalyn attended Soumi College's extension program at the original Tribal Center and graduated with Honors with an Associate Degree in Business Administration. She continued her education at Northern Michigan University and received her Bachelors Degree in Applied Science with a Major in English. She pursued a Masters Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Phoenix and is certified to teach in both Michigan and Arizona. She also holds Paralegal certification, but teaching is her heart's desire! Jacalyn has resided in the area since 1989, and has taught at Baraga and L'Anse schools as a substitute teacher since 1997.

"I am so elated and honored to be offered this teaching position within the KBIC community! The new KBIC Even Start Program is an excellent opportunity for parents who qualify for the service, to pursue their high school diploma or GED. I am looking forward to assisting some of my past students once again in the pursuit of their education. We have a wonderful program which is designed to be flexible with a parent's schedule and family's needs. We are here as teachers to work with both mothers and fathers, and the children as a family unit. Our program offers various services to make your educational dream a reality. If you are a parent of a child ages 0-8, and are a Baraga County resident who hasn't earned your high school diploma or GED, please stop in at 325 Superior Avenue or give us a call at 353-8161. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity!"



Edie Taylor-Literacy Teacher. Edie graduated from Saginaw Valley State University with a Bachelors of Arts Degree. She is certified in K-12 Music and Psychology with Early Childhood and Development Psychology focus. She is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Special Education. Edie has taught for seven years in Sanilac and Gogebic County (past two years at Wakefield-Marenisco School District). She lives in Ironwood with her husband Ron Taylor. Together they have six children and six grandchildren. Edie is a Native American descendent traced to Baraga.

"I love living in the UP and love its natural beauty in all kinds of weather. I am an outdoor sports enthusiast (hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, swimming, camping). I love nature and respect its delicate balance. I teach my grandchildren to respect it, as well. I am very excited about the Even Start Program, its focus on family literacy and parent as primary educator. There have been many positive changes in Baraga County, and I'm thrilled to be a part of the newest beneficial program."



John DeLine—Literacy Teacher. John is a 1994 graduate of L'Anse High School. He attended Northland College and graduated with a degree. He has four years adult education experience and has taught in Newberry, MI, and Baraboo, WI. Along with being involved in the Even Start program, John is also a part-time instructor at the L'Anse-Baraga Community Alternative School in L'Anse, MI. John is happy to be back in Baraga County and is very excited about the Even Start Program.

Ojibwa Community Library—

The library has obtained some new books: 1) *Indian Clothing of the Great Lakes (1740-1840)*, 2) *Traditional Dress, Knowledge and Methods of Old-Time Clothing*, 3) *Brain Tanning the Sioux Way*, 4) *The Pill Book* (a guide to the most prescribed drugs), 5) *Love Finds A Home* by Janette Oke, 6) *The Want Ad Killer* by Ann Rule, 7) *Among the Brave* by Margaret Peterson Haddix, a *Shadow Children* Book, 8) *Chicken Soup for the Grieving Soul*, 9) *First Person, First Peoples, Native American College Graduates Tell their Life Stories*, 10) *Class Action*, a story about a single mother who was among the first women hired to work at a northern Minnesota Iron Mine more than 30 years ago. The library just received several copies of Elie Wiesel's book *Night*. These were donated by the American Library Association. We are very appreciative of this donation.

A reminder to all patrons who have overdue books, please drop them into the book bin by the entrance to the college if you cannot get to the library. Reading Buddies dates are February 21, March 7 and March 21.



~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

**DONALD A. LAPOINTE HEALTH CENTER
PRESCRIPTION ABUSE POLICY**



Due to the alarming rate of prescription abuse of Scheduled Medications, it has become necessary for the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center ("Health Center") to adopt the following policy for the purpose of closely managing patient's use of prescription medication. For the purposes of this policy, Scheduled Medications include, but are not limited to, the following: narcotics, amphetamines, dronabinol, barbiturates, sedatives, stimulants, antianxiety agents, nonnarcotic analgesics.

The Prescription Abuse Policy of the Health Center is as follows:

1. The Health Center utilizes the Michigan Automated Prescription System ("MAPS") and may request and receive information from this system for each patient.
2. All Scheduled Medications taken by a patient of the Health Center must only be prescribed by a Primary Care Physician of the Health Center.
3. Patients shall take Scheduled Medications only as prescribed by a physician.
4. Scheduled Medications for acute pain shall be discontinued when the cause of the pain is expected to cease.
5. Scheduled Medications for chronic non-malignant pain will be considered only after all reasonable attempts at pain relief by alternative methods have failed. "Chronic non-malignant pain" is defined as a pain which does not have a defined end.
6. Patients who receive a prescription for Scheduled Medications are advised of the risks associated with their use, including dependency and withdrawal problems, which are the sole responsibility of the patient.
7. Patients who are treated for pain at the Health Center shall be seen by the Primary Care Physician at a regularly scheduled appointment at the Health Center. There shall be no last minute refills for Scheduled Medications. Furthermore, one business day advance notice shall be required for such refills.
8. Scheduled Medications will not be replaced for any reasons attributed to the negligence of the patient, including lost or destroyed medications. An exception may be made if the medication has been stolen and the patient completes a police report regarding the theft, or if, in the discretion of the prescribing physician, the individual case or a case pattern warrants an exception.
9. If a patient uses a month's supply of Scheduled Medications prematurely, the rest of the month has to be endured without medication. Early refills may be issued only under special circumstances.
10. Random urine and/or serum toxicology screens may be requested at any time documenting the proper use of medications as well as compliance with the prescription. These screens may be requested by the Primary Care Physician or any other physician involved in the patient's care.
11. For purposes of minimizing the possibility of dependency, the Primary Care Physician may impose "drug holidays" or periods of time where the Scheduled Medications are not prescribed or to be used by the patient.
12. If the Health Center receives notification, from any source, that a patient is receiving Scheduled Medications from more than one physician, the prescriptions from the Health Center may, in the Primary Care Physician's discretion, not be renewed.
13. If the Health Center discovers prescription abuse patterns for any patient, the patient's Scheduled Medications shall be immediately terminated. Prescription abuse may include, but is not limited to, medication hoarding, acquisition of Scheduled Medications from other physicians, patient requests for dose escalation without change in physical condition, or dramatic change in patient character or demeanor.
14. The patient may be asked to bring Scheduled Medications into the Health Center at any given time to determine if the number of tablets remaining coincides with the written prescription.

KBNRD Waterfowl Indexing

The Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) has recently been conducting their annual Waterfowl Indexing throughout certain areas of the 1842 Ceded Territory waters.

During these assessments, KBNRD staff visits numerous index sites to observe and record the different species of birds in the index site area. The indexing starts in early/mid September and continues until there is ice covering the lakes. This year index sites included Menge Creek/Head of Keweenaw Bay, Roubillard Creek, Sand Point, Mud Lakes and the Pinery Lakes. All of these sites are visited weekly, except Roubillard Creek, which is visited bi-weekly.

The assessments have shown that in recent years, sightings of waterfowl species have decreased to some extent. The largest waterfowl populations observed were at the Menge Creek/Head of Keweenaw Bay indexing sight. Some species that were observed include various diving ducks (coots and mergansers), puddle ducks (woodducks and mallards) Canada geese, and loons.

KBNRD has been conducting Waterfowl Indexing assessments for over ten years. These assessments are a great way to keep track of Waterfowl use of wetland habitats on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. The program is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Circle of Flight (COF) program. If you would like more information on the COF program, please contact the KBNRD at 906-524-5757.

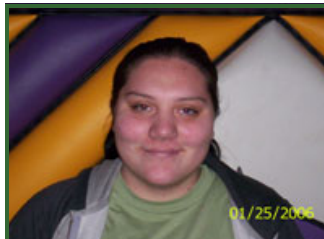


Male Woodduck- Drake



Female Merganser-Hen

AWESOME JOB!

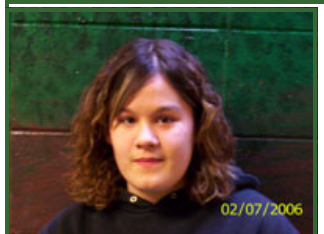


Kaylee Brunk, Student of the Week (Baraga Area Schools), January 25, 2006.

Kaylee Brunk, daughter of Brenda Brunk, is a senior at Baraga High School. She participates in family and cultural activities. Her interests include reading,

creative writing, photography and playing the guitar.

Kaylee quietly does a great job in the classroom. She is courteous, polite, and respectful. She leads by example and is a pleasure to have in class. Kaylee did an outstanding job on her senior project presentation. She spoke to the audience and judges about her Ojibwa culture and displayed a shawl she made. The shawl was made for presentation at the Pink Shawl Project. The project promotes breast cancer awareness.



Davina Denomie, Student of the Week (Baraga Area Schools), February 8, 2006.

Davina Denomie, daughter of Melinda Roberts and David Denomie, is an eighth grade student at Baraga Junior High. She enjoys basketball, volleyball and spending time with friends.

Davina has come into Art with a positive attitude, has worked hard on her assignments, and has been a pleasant student to work with in class. Her art work and creative thinking is what makes her stand out in class.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Dolores RoseMarie LeMaire

(March 16, 1929—February 14, 2006)

Dolores RoseMarie LeMaire, 76, of Marquette, Michigan, and formerly of Baraga, Michigan, entered eternal life Tuesday afternoon, February 14, 2006.

Delores was born March 16, 1929, in Pequaming, Michigan, a daughter of Wilfred J. "Togo" and Cecelia "Sylvia" (Connors) Gauthier. She was a graduate of Northern Michigan University's Nursing program, receiving her certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse. From 1968 to 1988, Dolores was employed with NMU's Auxiliary Services in their food service operation. Dolores was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and in her leisure was an avid BINGO participant, enjoyed sewing and had a special love, patience, and talent for doing beadwork. Dolores was very devoted and passionate concerning the activities of the Ojibwa Senior Center and it became a part of her daily routine.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Edward D. LeMaire of Marquette, Michigan, four daughters, Carmen (Mike) Stoffregan of Fond du Lac, WI, Theda (Robert) Ritari of Marquette, MI, JoAnn (Kenny) Anderson of Fond du Lac, WI, and Shirl (John) Keating of Marquette, MI; two sons, George LeMaire and friend Candy DesJardins of Marquette, MI, and Daryl LeMaire of Green Bay, WI, nine grandchildren, David Schwamin, Ed Brooks, Lena Verbanic, Shain LeMaire, Brent LeMaire, Bobby Dagenais, Aaron Burbey, Ashley LeMaire, and Damian LeMaire, eight great-grandchildren, two brothers, Allen Gauthier of Baraga and Merie Haen of Green Bay, WI, several nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Dolores was preceded in death by a grandson, Bernie Dagenais and a brother Eugene Gauthier.

Visitation and a Service of Remembrance were held on Friday, February 17, 2006 with Rev. Leon Jarvis officiating.

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Introducing...the New OjibwaCasino.com

The Ojibwa Casino is pleased to announce the launch of a completely redesigned website, OjibwaCasino.com. The site was designed with a fresh new interface and is streamlined to make it faster, easier and user friendly. The new site went live Wednesday, January 18, 2006.

The purpose of our site redesign was to improve the visitor's navigation experience, provide an enhanced point of contact, and to incorporate technologies that improve our ability to update content and expand the functionality of the site.

The newly designed website incorporates information for both the Baraga and Marquette casinos. Tabs for each amenity are clearly labeled allowing visitors to easily navigate through the site. Visitors will find updated information for gaming, promotions, lodging, dining, entertainment, and other areas of interest.

Web design and development was completed by OpusWeb.com from Houghton. The site's content was completed by Michele Schjoth.

~ **Check it out!**

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Community Calendar - MARCH 2006

American Red Cross Month
Nat'l Poison Prevention Month

National Nutrition Month
3/28 American Diabetes Alert Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.		Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	1 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	2	3	4 9 am Tribal Council meeting
5	6	7 Reading Buddies, 5:30 @ OCC Library, Healthy Start Parenting class, 11:30 am—call 353-4543	8 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	9	10	11
12	13	14 Healthy Start Parenting class, 11:30 am—call 353-4543	15 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 NMU Traditional Pow-wow
19 NMU Traditional Pow-wow	20	21 1st Step Counselor appts, call 353-4115; Reading Buddies 5:30 @ OCC Library; Healthy Start 11:30 am, call 353-4543	22 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	23	24	25 Ann Arbor Pow-Wow
26 Ann Arbor Pow-wow	27	28 American Diabetes Alert Day, Healthy Start 11:30 am, call 353-4543	29 Smoking Cessation, 5:00 pm call 353-4543 to register	30	31	

March is National Nutrition Month—

Before long it will be looking like spring around Keweenaw Bay—new leaves and flowers, new baby birds and fawns—so let's make it our season to think about some new things, too, like new eating habits. One thing to consider is how *much* fat, and *what kind* of fat, we're eating, and cut back in order to protect our hearts, arteries and waistlines.

Fats from animal sources (meat fat, milk/butter fat) are high in saturated fatty acids, which raise blood cholesterol levels. High cholesterol poses a risk for developing heart disease and stroke, both of which occur all too often here at KBIC. Using more lean meats, eliminating fatty and processed meats and cutting back on portion sizes of all meats (size of a deck of card is about right) will lower cholesterol in most people, and will also cut calories to help keep weight under control.

Liquid vegetable oils do not raise cholesterol, so they are better choices for baking, frying and "dressing up" food. But all fats, whether they are vegetable or animal, are high in calories, and it's a good idea to cut back on cooking oils, regular mayonnaise, salad dressings and margarines, as well if you're keeping your calories down to lose weight.

The new buzzword is "trans" fat, and you may have started noticing trans fat listed on nutrition facts labels. Trans fat results from processing vegetable oils into shortening and margarine. The hardening of the fat makes it more suitable for baking and spreading, but unfortunately it also makes it more like saturated fats in that it raises cholesterol level. You find the highest amounts in bakery goods such as store cookies, pies and pastries, high fat snack crackers and the things made with shortening and stick margarine at home. Cutting back on bakery and stick margarine, and substituting low fat versions of crackers, cookies, etc can help reduce trans fat in your diet.

National Nutrition Month® is sponsored by the American Dietetic Association to help remind Americans of the importance of eating well. At the KBIC Health Clinic, we have many staff who can help you with improving your nutrition, including the staff of the Diabetes Program, WIC and Healthy Start. Stop in for information about diet and health. Dale Schmeisser, PhD, RD (RD stands for registered dietitian) is available several days per month for individual and group consults, as well as presentations on nutrition topics. **Call Debbie Arens, LPN at 353-4559 to make an appointment with Dale. Reliable resources on the Web include www.eatright.org, www.americanheart.org and www.diabetes.org.**

Beartown Firefighters

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, manages a Type 2 Wildland Firefighting handcrew. The crew is based out of Baraga, Michigan and is available for dispatch locally as well as nation-wide. KBIC is reaching out to neighboring tribes and communities to recruit firefighters for the upcoming 2005 fire season. Our crew provides an excellent opportunity for summer time employment, training, and experience.

Recruiting Wildland Firefighters:

The 2006 Fire Season is soon coming upon us. We are currently taking new applications. Application can be picked up at the Tribal Center's TERO/EEO Office. For assistance with your applications ask for Debi Williamson or Sharon Brunk.

Basis Information

Minimum requirements:

- Be 18 Years of age or older
- Must pass medical examination
- Must pass the Arduous [Work Capacity Test](#)
- Must have or complete Basic firefighter training

Work requirements typically include:

- 12-16 hour work days in steep, rugged terrain
- Hot, smoky, dusty work environments
- 2 week deployments not including travel time

Interested applicants may contact the following individuals for further information:

George DeCota, Crew Boss
Phone: (906)250-2334 or (906)524-4142
E-mail: kbfire@up.net
Sharon Brunk, Dispatcher
Phone: (906) 353-4190
E-mail: sbrunk@kbic-nsn.gov
Tom Chosa, Crew Boss
Phone: (906)353-4170
E-mail: thomas@kbic-nsn.gov



Training Schedule

New Trainee's: Basic Firefighter Training (S-130/S-190) - April 1,2,8,9
Pack Test for Current Firefighters
Tentative Date - April 15

Current Firefighters Annual Refresher Training
April 22nd.

All dates are subject to change. To confirm, please check our website listed below or call for updates.

To apply please contact the Office of Tribal Employment Rights

Debi Williamson, TERO/EEO Director
107 Beartown Road
Baraga, Michigan 49908
Phone: (906) 353-4167 or Cell: (906) 395-0276
E-mail: tero@kbic-nsn.gov

Applications are available on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Communities website :

http://www.ojbwa.com/fire/beartown_ff.htm



Diabetes Boot Camp
Basic training I
For Those Newly Diagnosed With Diabetes
February 21, 23, 28, and March 2
May 2, 4, 9, 11
July 11, 13, 18, 20
September 12, 14, 19, 21

Basic Training II
For Those Who Have Had Previous Diabetes Education
April 4, 6, 11, 13
June 6, 8, 13, 15
August 22, 24, 29, 31
October 10, 12, 17, 19
December 5, 7, 12, 14

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To Enroll In Any Of These Class Sessions,
Please Call 353-4559

OJIBWA HOUSING AUTHORITY (OHA) — is willing to assist OHA staff and tenants with tax preparation at a low cost. Costs are based upon your income, free to \$30 per return. Tax is electronically filed. If you are interested, call Sally Snyder at 353-7117 to schedule an appointment.
OJIBWA BUILDING SUPPLIES (OBS) has started selling office supplies from Office Depot. See salesman, Dan Connor at OBS or call 353-8850.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR EXERCISE CERTIFICATE TRAINING. Scholarships are available for the Exercise Instruction Certificate Program being held on March 25th & 26th at the Tribal College. Interested persons must be 18 years or older, a KBIC Tribal member and willing to provide 8 hours of group exercise instruction after certification. Interested persons should contact Kathy Mayo at 353-4519 or pick up an application from the Diabetes Program located in the Tribal Health Department.

OFFICE OF TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

RECRUITING NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR POSITIONS WITH KBIC EMPLOYERS (APPLICANTS MUST BE 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, AND MEET LOW INCOME GUIDELINES TO QUALIFY. ALL POSITIONS ARE PART-TIME 20 HOURS PER WEEK AND PAY \$5.15 PER HOUR):

CUSTOMER GREETER: Provide assistance to customers entering or leaving the building.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS AIDE: Provide assistance to patrons at hotel with personal services, take messages, arrange or give advice on transportation, business services or entertainment, or monitor guest requests for housekeeping and maintenance.

INVOICE CONTROL AIDE: Compile, compute, and record billing, accounting, statistical, and other numerical data for billing purposes. Prepare billing invoices.

OFFICE AIDE: Answer inquiries and obtain information for general public, customer, visitors, and other interested parties. Provide basic clerical support.

LIBRARY AIDE: Must have public relations and interpersonal skills; be able to sort and shelve books, issue and receive library materials and file according to identification number and title. Register patrons to permit them to borrow books, periodicals, and other library materials.

NATURAL RESOURCES AIDE: Perform routine ground and building maintenance such as picking up litter, emptying trash containers and routine maintenance.

FOOD & NUTRITION AIDE: Perform a variety of food services duties.

RECRUITING IRON WORKERS TRAINEES

The National Ironworker Training Program for American Indians conducts twelve week training sessions and is fully funded to qualified applicants which include lodging and weekly stipends. You must provide your own transportation to and from school and to training locations.

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

U.P. PLUMBERS' & PIPE FITTERS', U.A. LOCAL 506 are taking applications.

For more information, contact Debra Williamson—TERO/EEO Director
at the Office of Tribal Employment Rights at (906) 353-4167, tero@kbic-nsn.gov

The Birch Tree, a legend, as retold by Jay Loonsfoot

One day Wenabojoo was trying desperately to escape the awful anger of the thunderbirds. He had killed some baby thunderbirds and stolen their feathers, for he wanted to make a very powerful arrow.

The birds, with their thunderous voices and lightening-bright eyes, were chasing him. Wenabojoo ran and ran; he tried to find a safe place to hide away from the anger of the birds.

He crawled into a fallen, hollow birch tree. When the birds reached him, they knew they could not harm him, for the birch tree, which was their child, protected him.

After the great birds left, Wenabojoo promised the birch tree that its bark would protect whatever it held.

The Ojibwa used birch bark for homes, for canoes and to make storage containers.



REGIONAL SPELLING COMPETITION



L'Anse Area Schools and Baraga Area School previously held spelling bees in their schools for each grade 5th-8th, with each school forwarding two winners per grade to the Regional Spelling Bee. The Regional Spelling Bee

was held on Friday, January 27, 2006, at the Baraga Area Schools. Two winners from each section (grade) were advanced to the District Level, which was held on February 9th, in Houghton. Two top spellers from each section (grade) during the District Level advanced to the U.P. spelling bee to be held in Ishpeming later in the year. Unfortunately none of the regional winners advanced this year.

Regional (local) Spelling Bee winners are:

5th grade—Olivia Ingram and Jordan Sterbenz

6th grade—Savannah Dakota and Rachel Sutherland

7th grade—Rebecca Augustine and Robert Janisse

8th grade—Erick Bedner and Ariel Gougeon

OJIBWEMOWIN

Onaabani Giizis Crusty Snow Moon - March

Vocabulary

Anin - Hello, greetings.

Anish ejaiaian - Come here.

Nin mino aia - I am good/fine.

Kid Ojibwem na? - Do you speak Ojibwe?

Pangi et ago - Just a little.

Nin bakade - I am hungry.

Nin gishkabagwe - I am thirsty.

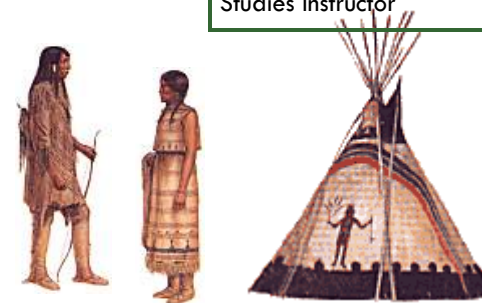
Nin wissin - I am eating.

Nin minikwe - I am drinking.

Nind anoki - I am working.

Ojibwemowin page
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Ojibwa Community Col-
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Find the Ojibwe phrases:

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For complete job announcement, application and closing dates contact:
KBIC Personnel Department
107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140
Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

For Your Information:
Plan to attend the 28th
Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding, July 21-23, 2006,
Ojibwa Campgrounds, Baraga, MI

To place an ad, contact
Lauri Denomie at
newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.



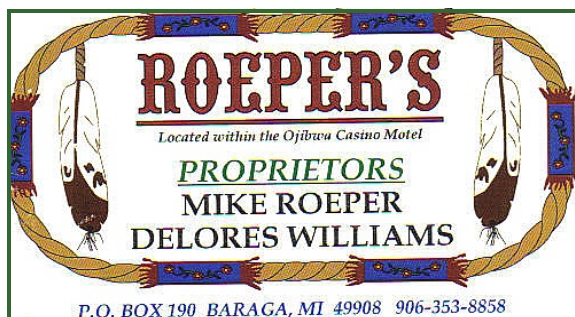
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DONATIONS NEEDED:

The KBIC Cultural Committee is in the process of renovating the log house at the Ojibwa Recreation Area and is in need of the following items: Washer & Dryer, Tables & Chairs, Canisters, Pots & Pans, Silverware, Utensils, Dishes, Cups, Glasses, Bowls, Towels, Washcloths, Pot Holders, Food items, Table Lamps, Area Rugs, Pictures, Native Art & Craft items, Display Cases, Lawn Furniture, and monetary donations will be gladly accepted.

We can either pick up donations, or make arrangements to have them dropped off. For more information call (Gerry Mantila @ 353-6623, ext. 4134, Bev Lussier 524-5188 or Summer Cohen 353-6272)



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE—Ojibwa Community College—Niiwin Akeaa and NETA, a non-profit fitness professional association, are co-sponsoring the following national-recognized workshops:

GROUP EXERCISE CERTIFICATION on Saturday, March 25, 2006, @ 8:00 a.m. Potential and current fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background required. Workshop registration includes a full-day review, written exam, two-year certificate and membership.

KICKBOXING WORKSHOP on Saturday, March 25, 2006, @ 8:00 a.m. NETA's Kickboxing Certification will train you to execute, choreograph and perform typical kickboxing moves safely and effectively. Experience the fitness craze for yourself and your students. Get certified with NETA!

Event Location: Ojibwa Community College—Niiwin Akeaa Center, 111 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908. Local contact: Rachelle Bachran (906)353-4608. To register: Call 800-AEROBIC or register online at www.netafit.org.



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First People's Work Center



The KBIC is proud to announce the opening of its new small business resource center. It is focused on the support and development of Tribal member-owned businesses. The KBIC would like to assist Tribal members in becoming more successful business owners.

Some of the many services that will be provided:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program through AIEDF

8:00 am-4:30 pm

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L'Anse, MI 49946 Fax: (906) 524-2266

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

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KBIC RECEIVES USFWS FHC AWARD



Pictured above: President Susan LaFerner and Todd Warner, KBIC Natural Resources Director, with award and a gift received from the USFWS.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Fish Hatchery Program has received a 'Fisheries and Habitat Conservation (FHC) Partner Award' from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The award was received for a number of reasons, one in particular is for the Tribe's Natural Resources Department providing hatchery space for the USFWS to isolate wild fish eggs and young fish. Maintaining fish stocks in the region has been a challenge for State and Federal Agencies, which led to KBIC developing their fish hatchery program to help replenish a popular fisheries program. In 1987, the Great Lakes Fish Health Policy was developed shortly after the USFWS stopped promulgating wild fish strains due to health concerns. Eggs and fish need to be isolated for 1 ½ years before being released to the national fish hatchery system. In the early 1990's, KBIC opened their hatchery, which is located in Pequaming, and has served as a clean, disease-free isolation facility. The KBIC Fish Hatch-

ery was developed utilizing a 50/50 split of gaming profits and a BIA grant. The hatchery now supplies fish to federal hatcheries.

Other accomplishments cited for the award are: Lake Superior Apostle Island stock of Lake Trout; Lake Superior Klon-dike Reef Trout; Lake Superior Traverse Island Lake Trout; and Lake Superior Siskiwit Bay strains of Coaster Brook Trout.

On March 9, 2006, President Susan LaFerner and Councilmember Mike LaFerner Sr. attended a Washington D.C., U.S. Fish & Wildlife Fisheries and Habitat Conservation Partnership Government Awards Luncheon to accept the Fisheries and Habitat Conservation (FHC) Partner Award. President LaFerner states, "KBIC would like to congratulate Todd Warner, Mike Donofrio (former director) and staff of our Natural Resources Department for this prestigious award."

MARCH 4, 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on March 4, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present.

Ed Janisse of Eagle Radio Station was recently presented with a plaque from the Michigan National Guard's 107th Platoon for appreciation of outstanding support. Mr. Janisse indicated that this award belongs on display at the

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- March 4, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- Letter from President LaFerner regarding a 'Gaming Commission'
- Letter from President LaFerner regarding 'Property Taxes'
- NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGE-ING, INC.—Senior Community Service Employment Program
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Tribal Center, as Eagle Radio is owned and operated by the KBIC.

Susan LaFerner recognized a number of other 'Thank You' correspondences that were received by the community. A Labor Force Survey (TERO) will be in member's mailboxes within the next few days. It is important that everyone fill one out and return it to Debbie Williamson in the TERO office. There will be ten incentive prizes (ranging between \$100—\$25) for completing the survey and returning it.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner indicated that on February 2nd, she attended a safety training, which was given by our workmen's comp carrier for directors and department heads regarding lifting and reporting. On February 3rd, the March of Dimes Director met with Ruth Bussey, Health Director, and President LaFerner regarding the March of Dimes grant we received. Susan LaFerner then met with Char Kangas and Janet Supanich on a possible 2% grant for the Baraga County Shelter Home. On February 11th, Chuck Brumleve, Todd Warner and President LaFerner traveled to Mole Lake and visited with different members and other interested people regarding the past Wisconsin mining issues. President LaFerner informed Ojibwa Seniors that she will be sending a memo to Philomena Ekdahl regarding the Senior Assistance Plan, which needs to be revised and also regarding the status on the Elder Abuse Code that was presented on an earlier date. She has forwarded a copy to the Child Welfare Committee Chairperson, who indicated that they will be reviewing it with the Social Services Department. It will then go to our attorneys and after we'll follow the legislative process. President LaFerner indicated that she had attended the Healthy Heart Program on February 14th. It was very informative, and the meal was great as always. A big thank you to the Department of Health and Human Services on a job well done. On February 21st, President LaFerner attended the Child Welfare Committee meeting and reports to the community that soon we'll be hearing of the new programs, which the community will be able to participate in.

Larry Denomie, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, Mr. Baker and President LaFerner attended the National Congress of American Indians "109th Congress Executive Council" legislative summit held in Washington DC last week. There was a discussion on the Bush Administration's budget proposal for FY'07, which continues the trend of declining federal dollars for Indians. There also was a discussion on the many issues that Congress will be debating. Each KB representative attended a different meeting on Monday morning including: Protecting Native American Contracting regarding 8-A status, bill HR 4474 MOVE Act, the Small Business Administration, Trust Regulations, Endangered Species Act, Energy, and an Effective Congressional Advocacy Workshop. President LaFerner indicated, we heard reports from many Senators, Congressmen, and Department Heads including Patrick Kennedy, Byron Dorgan, Jim Cason, Ruben Baralles, Dale Kildee, Ernie Stevens Jr., and many others. We also attended a wonderful reception at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. The next evening we attended the 8th Annual NCAI Leadership Awards Banquet. We were able to meet with Congressman Bart Stupak's aide; Senator Levin's aide, Jason Hill; greeted Senator Stabenow in her office on her Tuesday morning meeting day; then met with her aide Patty Readinger about our concerns with senator McCain's bill S 2078 regarding the IGRA Amendments for 2006; especially, the Section 20 amendments, which involved our present application to relocate the Marquette Casino. We also discussed these concerns with George Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs for the Department of Interior, his staff, and Jim Cason, Deputy Secretary/DOI. We also discussed other concerns regarding Congressman Mike Roger's (MI) Bill HR 4696 on lobbying reform. We asked that Tribes not be blamed for a lobbyist's actions, concerns about the new bill HR 4474 MOVE (Minority Owned Venture Empowerment) Act concerning the possible changes in the 8-A certification process and that they protect the Native 8-A program. We voiced our concerns regarding the mining in Michigan. On Tuesday, we attended the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Oversight Hearing on Off-Reservation Gaming: Land into Trust and the Two-Part Determination. There were six witnesses which included George Skibine, whom we met with the following day. Finally, we attended Congressman Frank Pallone's fund raising reception, Congressman Bart Stupak's reception and Congressman Kildee and Kennedy's breakfast fund raising reception, all of which we gave donations. President LaFerner thanked Larry, Doreen, Fred and Mr. Baker for going on this trip and attending these important sessions. There is much work to be done, and it's just the beginning.

President LaFerner stated that she is pleased to be going to Washington D.C.,

again, next week, with Mike LaFerner to attend a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Fisheries and Habitat Conservation Partnership Government Awards Luncheon on Thursday, March 9th, to receive the Fisheries and Habitat Conservation (FHC) Partner Award. The award e-mail states: *Because of your commitment to conserve and protect America's valuable resources; you have been selected as a recipient of the Fisheries and Habitat Conservation (FHC) Partner Award for the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department. We establish these awards to recognize FHC partners and Service employees whose work clearly provides significant benefits to the American people. Our wish is to honor those who are working to sustain and enhance fish, wildlife, and their habitats, and to engage citizens in the shared stewardship of our natural resources. We would like to congratulate Todd Warner and staff of our Natural Resources Department for this prestigious award. President LaFerner and Michael LaFerner will also attend meetings regarding our (relocation) two-part application regarding the Marquette Casino. President LaFerner asked all members to remember the Secretarial Election to adopt or reject the proposed amendment to our constitution to allow 18 years old members to vote in our elections will be held on May 2nd. The Voter registration packets have been mailed and the registration form must be returned by March 31st by everyone who wishes to vote.*

The Treasurer's Report and the Secretary's Report were unavailable. Larry Denomie indicated that a two month report will be made available at the April 1st meeting.

Beverly Lussier and Myrtle Tolonen requested financial assistance for the KBIC Cultural Committee. The Cultural Committee is in the process of renovating the house located at the Ojibwa Campground to make it a suitable Cultural Center. The Cultural Center will house two offices, a Traditional Clinic room, living room, kitchen, dining area and conference room. The conference room will be utilized for meetings, language classes, regalia and sewing. Bids were available. Discussion lead to a concern of a possible sewage problem in past and if it has already been corrected or not. The request was tabled until the sewage problem status is checked out. An advertisement in the March Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag Newsletter was posted for numerous items that are needed. The Cultural Committee would like to publicly thank Dianne Waara for the donation of a table, Toni Minton for the donation of a Microwave, and Loretta Hugo for the donation of a washer & dryer.

Cherie Dakota requested permission to sign a contract with the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp for rental to hold the 3rd Annual Women's Retreat, which is in Crystal Falls, Michigan. The event will be held on April 8th and 9th, and grant money is being used to make payment for the rental contract. Motion by Warren C. Swartz to approve DHHS to sign the rental contract with Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp for the 3rd Annual Women's Retreat, supported by Toni Minton, abstaining—M. LaFerner, and carried.

Courtney Swartz requested assistance in funding her portion of a ten-day class trip to Germany. Courtney, a Baraga High School student, is a member of the Baraga International Club. She indicated that she has raised a portion of the needed money but still needs \$1877 to attend the function. Motion by Warren C. Swartz to approve \$2100 (which includes some spending money) for Courtney Swartz to participate in the ten-day class trip to Germany with the Baraga International Club, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, and carried.

Susan LaFerner brought forth a letter of request for donation for the medical fund for Roger Copley. A Soup and Sandwich Luncheon is being held on March 9th in honor of Roger Copley who has been diagnosed with Cancer. Motion by Toni Minton to donate \$250 to the Roger Copley medical fund, supported by Mike LaFerner, and carried.

Susan LaFerner brought forth three requests for monetary assistance for 1) Marquette Senior High school Project Graduation, 2) L'Anse Senior Lock-In 2006, and 3) Baraga Senior Lock-In 2006. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to donate \$500 to each of these three events, supported by Mike LaFerner, and carried.

Susan LaFerner brought forth a request for monetary assistance with the Title VII Native American Education Program. Title VII at Marquette Area Public Schools requests assistance with activities such as moccasin/regalia class and the Native American Fair. Project Director, Tanya Sprowl is requesting \$4500 (same amount donated by KBIC in 2005). Motion by Mike LaFerner to donate \$4500 to the Marquette Title VII projects, supported by William E. Emery, and carried.

Doreen Blaker brought forth a request on behalf of Zena Huhta, for assistance for the 2006 Pelkie Horse Show Season. The event is non-profit and is a family ac-

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tivity. They need to raise \$1500 for travel/motel and other expenses for five judges. Motion by Toni Minton to make available motel rooms (up to five) for the five judges in our motels, supported by Fred Dakota, and carried.

Department Head Reports were approved. Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with Joan DesRochers - Slot Manager, Jim Byykkonen, and Susan LaFernier per the agenda.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—

Dear Tribal Member—

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council has determined that in order to best protect the Gaming assets of the Tribe, a Gaming Commission should be established independent of the Tribal Council as recommended by the National Indian Gaming Commission. This will allow for continuing oversight with five Commissioners and staff able to devote their full attention to regulating the Tribal gaming in accordance with current Tribal, Federal, and where applicable State laws.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR A GAMING COMMISSIONER WILL BE IN THE MAY 2006 NEWSLETTER AT WHICH TIME LETTERS OF INTEREST FROM TRIBAL MEMBERS CAN BE SENT.

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Susan J. LaFernier

Tribal Council President/CEO

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—

March 21, 2006

RE: Property Taxes

Dear Tribal Member:

We are in the process of updating the roll of individual tribal members who own property within the boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation. If you have purchased property in 2004, 2005, or 2006 please contact Jason Ayres at the Tribe's Real Estate Office to be sure your property has been removed from the regular ad valorem tax rolls.

Secondly, if you paid taxes in 2004, 2005, or 2006 please contact the Realty Office so that we can contact the appropriate governmental agency to request a refund on your behalf. The Real Estate Office is located at 807 US 41 in Baraga or by phone at 906-353-4132.

For your information, oral arguments by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals will be heard on April 26, 2006 in Cincinnati, Ohio regarding the appeal on our Property Tax case: KBIC vs. Naftaly.

Sincerely,

Susan J. LaFernier

President/CEO

BIA Scholarship Deadline—

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2006-07 academic year is May 1, 2006.

- Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a 2 or 4 yr. Michigan College in pursuit of a 2 or 4 yr. degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 107 Beartown Rd., Baraga, MI 49908. For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-4117 or amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

NATIONAL INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING, INC. Senior Community Service Employment Program



Left to right, (back) Tom Paquin, Beverly Lussier, (front) Ginnyann Jermac

The National Indian Council on Aging, Inc., (NICOA), was formed in 1976, to identify issues affecting Indian and Alaskan Native elderly. The primary purpose is to advocate for improvement and comprehensive services for Native American elderly throughout the United States.

As part of its advocacy efforts, NICOA has administered the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), since July 1989. SCSEP is a training program, subsidized by the Department of Labor as authorized under Title V of the Older Americans Act. It is designed to assist eligible elders transition into competitive employment once they have completed their training program. Eligibility require-

ments are that the individual be 55 years of age or older and meet federal income guidelines.

On February 14, 2006, the Ojibwa Housing Authority became a host agency training site specifically for this type of program for our own Ojibwa Seniors here on our Rez. The individual elders selected for training are Ginnyann Jermac, Beverly Lussier and Tom Paquin. They will be involved throughout our community busy with and planning activities surrounding our elder programs and other programs.

NCAI MEDIA RELEASE

WASHINGTON—Speaking to the nearly 500 tribal delegates to the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Tribal Nations Legislative Summit: 109th Congress Executive Council, Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.), who chairs the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs applauded NCAI's stand against methamphetamine use, calling it a "scourge on America." "What it represents is another terrible, terrible attack on Indian Country," said McCain.

Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) applauded the State of Indian Nations address delivered by NCAI President Joe Garcia last month and concurred with the priorities laid out by Garcia, such as the need to step up the fight against methamphetamines, particularly among tribes, and to take extensive steps forward in education. "I have been a leader in the fight against meth, and I will continue to fight for better prevention and better law enforcement against it," he said.

The Congressional response came after NCAI President Joe Garcia announced a "Call to Action" and White House partnership to find methamphetamine use and drug trafficking on Indian lands. "I'm encouraged that there is strong Congressional leadership in support of this initiative," said Garcia. "Working together, with the Administration behind us, we can fight this epidemic and help our families and our children come out from under its grip."

Both Senators McCain and Byron Dorgan (D-ND), who vice-chairs the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, confirmed the Committee will hold a Congressional hearing on meth use in Indian Country.

A number of Administration officials and Members of Congress spoke to NCAI delegates Tuesday, including: Congressman Rick Renzi (R-1st Ariz.), Congressman Tom Cole (R-4th OK), Senator John Kerry (D-MA), White House Office of Governmental Affairs Director Ruben Baralles, Congressman Dale Kildee (D-5th MI), Congressman Dan Boren (D-1st OK) and Congressman Patrick Kennedy (D-RI). For more information, visit the NCAI website—www.ncai.org.

ACTIVITY DAY FOR HEADSTART CHILDREN AND PARENTS—

A bowling party was held at the Ojibwa Lanes on Sunday February 19, 2006, for the February Parent/child activity. The event was sponsored by the KBIC EHS/HS Parent Committee. The Parent Committee is comprised of the parents of the enrolled children in the Early Headstart/Headstart programs with the purpose of the committee being to ensure that the parents of the program are informed, are a part of the program's shared-decision making process, have the opportunity to provide input and are involved with program activities. Monthly meetings are held at the Headstart Center to help plan events, discuss fundraising ideas, and share information. All parents & families are invited to attend the events that we hold. There are approximately 61 families enrolled in these programs.

Marianne Wickstrom, Parent Committee Chairperson indicated that we started our monthly Parent/Child activities in January, with a sledding party held outside at the KBIC EHS/HS in Zeba. Lunch was provided, and the kids and parents had a great time sledding! During the month of February, we went bowling at the Lanes where both the parents & children bowled as much as they wished and enjoyed pizza and pop. In March, we held a fun day at the gym (at the college). Activities such as a bouncy balloon, bowling, basketball, board games, hula-hoops and coloring were enjoyed by all. The snacks were provided by the parents. The events are usually held on the weekends to make planning around work schedules easier.

Funds that are collected through parent committee fundraising such as candy bar sale, candle sale & e-bay sales are used to fund these activities. Right now we are currently selling candy bars—if you are interested in purchasing or would like to sell bars, they are available at Keweenaw Bay Outfitters/Superior Pizza or call either Marianne Wickstrom at 524-5859 or Roberta Jondreau at 353-7676. We are also accepting any donations for items to be placed on e-bay. All proceeds go directly to the parent committee. Items need to be usable, clean and in working condition. Please support our program!

The Parent Committee is also helping out with the Children's Pow-Wow and Headstart Graduation being held on May 13, 2006.



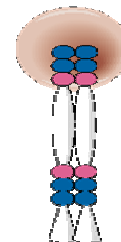
KBIC TRIBAL HEALTH PATIENTS! If you use an after hours emergency service and want to access Contract Health Service for payment, you must notify Elvera Lantz, Contract Health Specialist, within 72 hours! (Patients 65 and older must notify Elvera Lantz within 30 days.) Elvera can be reached at 353-4537. You can leave a message at Elvera's phone, even if the Health Building is closed. Please be advised that payment of health related bills is determined by the Indian Health Service priority system. CHS Booklets, which explain the priority system, are available at the Tribal Health Clinic. Miigwetch!

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Shalifoe, Sr. of Baraga and Mr. and Mrs. David Evans of Roswell, New Mexico would like to announce the engagement of their children Emily Shalifoe to Aaron Evans. Emily is a 1994 high school graduate of Baraga High School. Currently she is working at Dressbarn in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and working on her degree in Early Childhood Education. Aaron is a 1994 graduate of Roswell High School and is the manager of Dunn-Edwards Paint. An October 14, 2006, wedding is being planned. The couple will reside in Albuquerque.



AWESOME



Two KBIC Tribal Members participate on the L'Anse Hornet Cheerleading squad.

Pictured on the (left)-Tanya Sherman, a 17 year old junior, (right) Danika Strong, a 16 year old junior

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Meet Trysten Michael Muma, born 01/31/06, to Michael and Kristen (Dean) Muma. He weighed 8 lbs 4 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches in length.



Meet Robert James Curtis "Little Bob," born 03/02/06, to Helen Jondreau and Robert Curtis Jr. He weighed 7 lbs and was 19 3/4 inches in length.



Meet Karalee Ellen Heikkinen, born 02/23/06, to Sonya LaFernier and Charles Heikkinen. She weighed 7 lbs 8 ounces and was 19 inches in length.



Meet Carter Thomas Schjoth, born 02/21/06, to Sara Mayo and Norman Schjoth. He weighed 7 lbs 4 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Brook Trout Collection from the Jumbo River



KBNRD Biological staff, volunteers from the Ojibwa Community College and Michigan Tech University, Michigan DNR Fisheries Technicians and staff from the Ottawa National Forest worked together in October 2005, to collect and transfer more than 200 brook trout from the Jumbo River Watershed (Houghton, Ontonagon, Gogebic and Iron Counties) to the KBIC Hatchery Facility in Pequaming.

These fish will serve as future parent stock for the KBIC brook trout rearing program, and will diversify the genetics of Jumbo River strain brook trout being stocked in local waters by KBNRD.

KBNRD stocking plans include stocking 40,000 yearling brook trout annually into streams on and near the KBIC Reservation, and the Multi-Agency fish collection effort on the Jumbo River this year is indicative of the value of this program to many people and programs.



Mike LaPointe, the KBNRD Natural Resources Technician (right), and Jerry Edde, Fisheries Biologist from the Ottawa National Forest (left), preparing to travel to a remote tributary of the Jumbo River via ATV. Mike was featured as a new KBIC hire in the November 2005 issue but was unavailable for comment. — Michael LaPointe was hired by KBNRD in November 2005 as the Hatchery Technician. He has been working there for five months now and loves it. Prior to being hired by KBNRD he spent the previous four years in Alaska, working as a "Hotshot" for the Alaska Fire Service. As he got older, he decided he wanted a change from the

wild land fires and decided to try another field. Mike states, "I love to be outdoors and think that taking this job has been a great opportunity."

NEW EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR NAMED AT GLIFWC

Odanah, WI— A long-time tribal attorney and treaty rights expert has been named executive administrator of the natural resource management agency, Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission. The GLIFWC Board of Commissioners selected James E. Zorn in late January, from a national pool of candidates. He has been the lead policy analyst at the agency since 1987.

"Jim has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to supporting tribal communities and treaty rights protection for more than twenty years," said Mic Isham, GLIFWC Board Chairman. "He is well-versed in all aspects of the Commission's programs and is well-suited for this position."

A northern Wisconsin native, Zorn was born and raised in Phillips, Wisconsin, graduating from Phillips High School. He continued to become a University of Notre Dame honors graduate, ultimately earning his degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School in 1981. After several years working for a non-profit human rights organization and in private practice, he became tribal attorney for the Lac Courte Oreilles Band in 1985.

"I am deeply honored for this opportunity to serve the Commission's tribes and to protect their treaty rights," Zorn said. "The Commission is a top-notch, natural resource agency built upon a foundation steeped in Anishinaabe culture and traditions. I will do my best to further solidify that foundation so the Commission can continue to mature and grow as a trusted agency of the tribes. I begin my new responsibilities confident that we will do our part to help protect our Tribe's rights, further their sovereignty and sustain their Anishinaabe lifeways."

Ojibwa tribal leaders formed GLIFWC in 1984, to help administer off-reservation reserved rights in territory ceded to the United States through nineteenth century treaties. The Commission includes eleven Ojibwe member tribes in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Policy decisions are established by GLIFWC Board, which is comprised of chairs of member tribes or their representatives.

Zorn officially began his new post February 3, 2006. He succeeds the late James H. Schlender who died unexpectedly on August 30, 2005.

VOTE FOR DIANE MAYO FOR BARAGA SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ON MAY 2, 2006

Diane is married to Tim Mayo, a KBIC member, and they are the parents of two daughters, Leah and Alex. Leah graduated from the Baraga Area Schools and is now attending the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Alex is currently in the sixth grade in the Baraga school system.



Diane is a concerned parent and an involved community member. She believes every student is entitled to the best education possible. When faced with issues within the school she did not agree with, Diane was not afraid to take a stand and also received positive results. She wants to do the same for your children. She's willing to listen and go that "extra mile". Give her the opportunity to be there for you by voting for her on May 2, 2006. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY Education Committee

The committee is pleased to announce its decision to support the following candidates in the upcoming Baraga School Board elections.

Diane Mayo and Byron Sailor

The L'Anse School Board has only incumbents seeking re-election. The committee encourages all Tribal members to vote on Tuesday May 2, 2006.

You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to election day.

For information on how to register, please contact Amy Isaacson, Baraga Township Clerk, at 353-6801.



From Rachelle A.Bachran, Honoring Our Health Coordinator, KBOCC

How quickly our days turn into weeks and months. In March 2005, I accepted this year long position at the Community College. The overall objective of this grant is to assist in the prevention of type 2 diabetes and its complications throughout the community.

Let me begin by acknowledging and applauding the Community College for applying for and receiving this worthwhile grant for this community. Secondly, I want to acknowledge and applaud the Board of Regents, and the Tribal Council for supporting the many programs and events from this grant. Thirdly, I want to acknowledge and applaud the many groups, organizations, and individuals, who have embraced my many ideas, and collaborated with me throughout this year, especially Kathy Mayo, your community health educator at the LaPointe Center. And lastly, to Lynn Aho, the Project Director, thank you for tirelessly giving me your time and energy to make this grant a successful endeavor. This has been a GREAT year of getting to know and appreciate your Native American Community.

“LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER,” 14TH ANNUAL NMU TRADITIONAL POWWOW



The “Learning to Walk Together” 14th Annual Traditional Powwow was held at Northern Michigan University Saturday, March 18th & 19th. The event was held at the Vandament Arena on the NMU Campus in Marquette, Michigan. Grand entries on Saturday were held at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. Joe Besaw of Keshena, WI, did an awesome job as emcee. Head Female Dancer was Annette Logan, and Head Male Dancer was Kelly Logan. Host Drum - Smokeytown of Keshena, WI, were joined by six other drum groups and 82 registered dancers from many tribes of the region (Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Canada). Many vendors were present displaying the best of their talents.

This event was sponsored by the Native American Student Association with support from the Center for Native American Studies, Diversity Student Services, the Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.





The crowd enjoyed a special event on Saturday afternoon, as this young hoop dancer displayed her talents. Rita Devoy, Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa, age 10, says her uncle taught how to do this.



Annual Head Start Children's POWWOW

*"Honoring Our Graduating
Class of 2006"*

**Saturday, May 13, 2006
Niiwin Akeaa Center
Baraga, MI**

11:30am KBIC Head Start Graduation
1:00pm Grand Entry
3:30pm Giveaway
4:00pm Potluck Feast

Host Drums:
Woodland Singers
Keweenaw Bay

4 Thunders
LVD/KBIC

Invited Drum:
Bay Mills PRIDE
Bay Mills

Emcee:
Stanley Spruce
Keweenaw Bay

Arena Director:
Jesse Forcia
Keweenaw Bay

Veteran Color guard:
Keweenaw Bay

Head Veteran Dancer:
Joe Dowd
Keweenaw Bay

Head Youth Male
Dancer:
Alden Connor Jr.
Keweenaw Bay

Head Youth Female
Dancer:
Hope Minton
Keweenaw Bay

Head Junior Youth
Male Dancer:
Raistlin Awonohopay
Keweenaw Bay

Head Junior Youth
Female Dancer:
Megan Tucker
Lac Du Flambeau

For More Information Contact: Terri Denomie, 524-6626

KBIC Head Start will not be responsible for accidents, lost or stolen
items, including children and spouses

Unfortunately, only invited drums can be paid an honorarium
Absolutely NO Alcohol, Drugs, or Violence Will Be Tolerated

*This event is sponsored by "ITC," "KBIC Parent Committee"
"March of Dimes" & "KBIC Healthy Start"*

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

The average annual violent crime rate among American Indians is approximately 2.5 times higher than the national rate. Rates of violence in every age group are higher among American Indians than that of all races. **The average annual rate of rape and sexual assault among American Indians is 3.5 times higher than for all races.** Non-Indians commit about 70% of the **reported** crimes against American Indians. Bureau of Justice Statistics, (*American Indians & Crime*: 1999)

Understanding the Perpetrator – Characteristics & Typologies of Sex Offenders:

- Sex offenders are overwhelmingly male.** Nearly 99% of offenders were male. Greenfield, *Sex Offenses and Offenders* (BJS, 1997), p 2. However, the FBI reported in 1997, that females constituted 8% of all rape and sexual assault arrests for that year.
- Sex offenders typically have access to consensual sex.** Groth, *Men Who Rape* (Plenum Press, 1979), p 5.
- Sex offenders are not typically mentally ill.** Scully, *Understanding Sexual Violence: A Study of Convicted Rapists* (Unwin Hyman, 1990).
- Most sex offenders were not sexually or physically abused as children.**
In one study of 114 convicted rapists, 91% denied experiencing childhood sexual abuse; 66% denied experiencing childhood physical abuse; and 50% admitted to having nonviolent childhoods. Scully, *supra*, p 68-69
- Most sex offenders are repeat offenders and commit other forms of interpersonal violence**
A recent study of undetected rapists, i.e., those rapists who escaped notice by the criminal justice system, found that a majority of such rapists were recidivists and committed other acts of interpersonal violence. Of the 120 undetected, self-reported rapists:
 - 76 or 63.3% were **recidivists**, and reported committing additional rapes, either against multiple victims or the same victim, averaging 5.8 rapes per person.
 - 70 or 58.3% admitted to other acts of **interpersonal** violence, including battery, sexual assault short of rape or attempted rape, child physical abuse, and child sexual abuse.
 - 97 or 80.8% admitted to committing rapes against women who were **intoxicated** because of alcohol or drugs.
 - 21 or 17.5% admitted to using **threats or overt force** to coerce **sexual intercourse**.
 - 12 or 10% admitted to using **threats or overt force** to coerce **oral sex**. Lisak & Meller, *Repeat Rape and Multiple Offending Among Undetected Rapists*, 2002).

Understanding the Victim – General Psychological Effects of Crime Vic-

timization:

A victim’s reaction to a recovery depends upon the circumstances underlying the offense and the victim’s personal characteristics, including his or her support system and psychological history.

Initial reactions may include any of the following: Shock, Disbelief, Numbness, Disorientation, Anger, Fear, Terror, Confusion, Guilt, Self-Blame.

Long-term effects may include any of the following: Anxiety disorders, Depression, Drug and alcohol abuse, Fear, Flashbacks, Lowered self-esteem, Sexual dysfunction, Physical complaints, Suicidal ideation, Suspiciousness, Post-traumatic stress disorder, A sense of social isolation.

Psychological Effects of Sexual Assault Crimes on Victims:

Sexual assault victims may suffer consequences far longer and far more extreme than victims of other violent crimes. Acute reactions to sexual assault may last several months. Although some studies have shown some stabilization in the initial reactions three months after a sexual assault, victims may continue to experience related reactions or responses for more than a year. Resick & Nishith, *Sexual Assault* (Sage, 2d ed, 1997) in fact, one study indicates that some sexual assault victims have reported sexual assault-related difficulties as much as 13 years after the assault. Riggs, Kilpatrick & Resnick, *Long-Term Psychological Distress Associated With Marital Rape and Aggravated Assault: A Comparison to Other Crime Victims*, 7 Journal of Family Violence, 283-296 (1992). Additionally, sexual assault victims comprise the largest percentage of individuals with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Culbertson & Dehle, *Impact of Sexual Assault as a Function of Perpetrator Type*, 16 Journal of Interpersonal Violence, 10 (Sage Publications, 2001), p 992.

After the initial reactions, Long-term reactions or responses: Anger, Shame, Anxiety, Fear, Feelings of vulnerability, Helplessness, Numbness, Nightmares of the sexual assault, Sleep disturbances, Memory disturbances, Mental concentration disturbances, Depression, Low self-esteem, Problems with social adjustment, Problems with sexual functioning.

Sexual assault victims have also reported experiencing the following feelings: a loss of control, an overwhelming terror of death, an intense fear of revictimization, and an invasion of personal boundaries. *Id.* Importantly, a victim’s perception of the threat to his or her life posed by the sexual assault has been shown to affect the severity and persistence of psychological trauma. Resick & Nichith, *supra* at 37.

Remember:

- Get to safety.**
- Call or go to someone for help.**
- Begin to regain control of your life by taking control of the recovery process.**
- Believe that you are not to blame for what happened.**

Please call Wanda Seppanen, VOCA at 353-4533. Wanda along with Dial Help 1-800-562-7622, are Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) members.

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

KBIC Tribal Social Services staff provides various services to strengthen families. Prevention and intervention services include teaching parenting skills, life skills, stress management, problem-solving skills, mediation, mentoring, support, advocacy, and coordinating with other agencies.

Tribal Social Services and other agency staff include:

- Judith Heath, B.S. - Director
- Isabelle H. Welsh, B.S.W. - Prevention Worker
- Ed Gransell, B.S., R.S.W. - Protective Services Worker
- Bill Kirchhofer, B.A., R.S.W. - Juvenile Justice Worker
- Nancy Pawlowski - Clerk/Case Aide

(8) Ishwaaswi

George Newman, B.S., R.S.W. - MICWA (Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency) Worker
Steve Cadeau, B.A. - Families First Worker

The Tribal Social Services Department is located approximately one-half mile west of the Ojibwa Casino on M38 in Baraga, Michigan. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

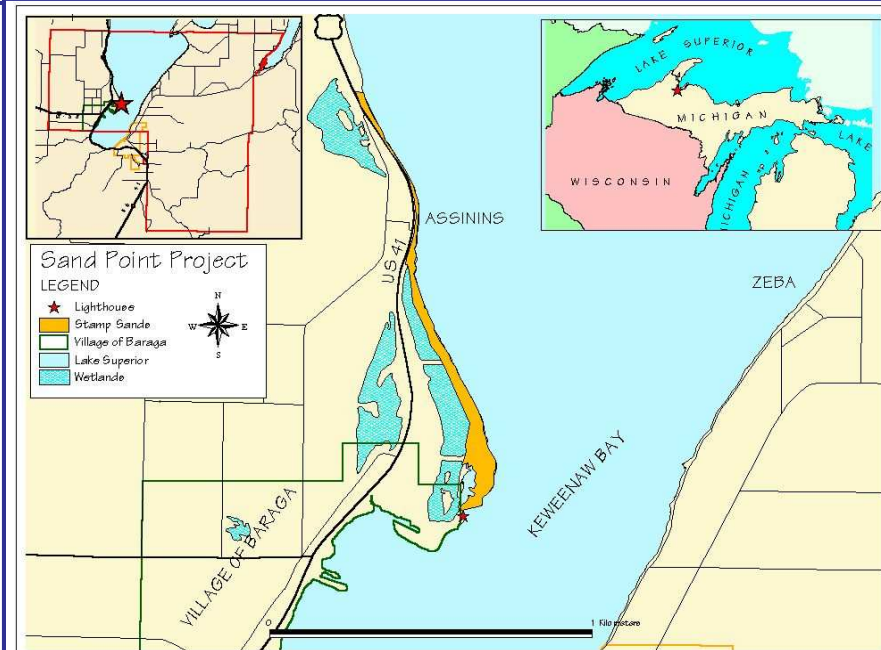
Our children are our future, let’s keep them safe. Your report may be the only way of keeping a child safe. Please report child abuse or neglect.



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Sand Point Cleanup Design Plans and Brownfield Program Information Available

The proposed engineering drawings and plans for the Sand Point Brownfield Cleanup project were delivered to KBIC Natural Resource Department during the week of March 10th. These drawing and plans are available for public review. Cleanup activities are tentatively schedule to begin this spring and will consist of construction of a vegetated soil cap over copper mining stamp sand waste materials that are present at Sand Point. Additional Sand Point file materials, including environmental site assessments and other reports, are also available for public review at the Natural Resource Department. In addition, the Natural Resource Department is in the process of developing a Tribal Brownfields Response Program. This is a program designed to identify and address properties with environmental issues of concern within the Reservation boundaries. A website has recently been developed by the Natural Resource Department that briefly describes the Brownfield's program. This site can be accessed at http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/NR/natural_resources.htm. If you have questions about Sand Point, reviewing file materials, or the Brownfields Program please contact either Todd Warner at (906) 524-5757 x13, or Joseph Scanlan (906) 524-5757 x18.



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Contact numbers:

KBIC Tribal Social Services 906-353-4201
Department of Human Services 906-353-4700
24-Hour Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 906-524-6117

NATIVE AMERICAN FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED:

Contact George or Judy at 906-353-4201.

Preventing and Stopping Child Abuse

1. Do not leave young children alone or unattended
2. Teach children rules of "Stranger Danger"
3. Carefully choose caretakers
4. Set boundaries
5. Teach "Right Touch, Wrong Touch"
6. Guard Internet use
7. Teach children assertiveness skills
8. Listen to children

Excerpt from Protecting Children from Abuse, by Elizabeth Applebaum, Life's Great!

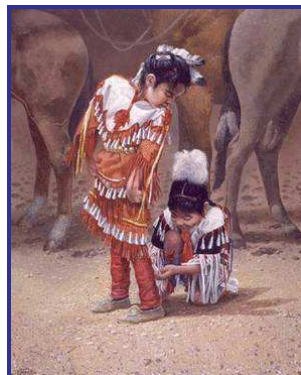
Help Your Children Feel Loved and Secure

We can all take steps to strengthen our relationships with our children, including:

- ✦ Make sure your children know you love them, even when they do something wrong.
- ✦ Encourage your children. Praise their achievements and talents. Recognize the skills they are developing.
- ✦ Spend time with your children. Do things together that you both enjoy. Listen to your children.

Learn how to use nonphysical options for discipline. Many alternatives exist. Depending on your child's age and level of development, these may include simply redirecting your child's attention, offering choices, or using "time out."

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NEW HIRES at KBIC

IT Support Tech—

David Zasadnyj



My name is David Zasadnyj. I received my Associate Degree in Escanaba, MI from Bay De Noc Community College in Computer Systems Technology. My previous position was an Administrative Assistant at the

Baragaland Senior Citizen's Center in downtown L'Anse, MI.

I currently live in L'Anse and am married to Lisa Zasadnyj (Dove). We have a seven-month-old daughter named Cassandra Lynn Zasadnyj.

Outreach Worker—

Angela Kelly



Hi, my name is Angela Kelly (Heath). I'm married to Chris Kelly, and we have three beautiful children—Dana (3-years-old), Madison (2-years-old) and Christian

(6-weeks-old). I was raised in this community. My mother and father are Christine and Pat LaPointe. I have attended classes at the Ojibwa Community College and plan to continue to further my education. I enjoy working with children and helping in the community.



Even Start Secretary—

Megan Shanahan

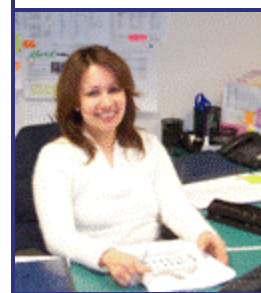


Megan Shanahan has been hired as the KBIC Even Start Secretary. She is a lifelong resident of the reservation and a 2004 graduate of Baraga High School. She is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Computer Information Systems

through Northern Michigan University. During the summer months, Megan also takes part in the DESTINY Summer Science Program.

General Ledger Accountant—

Roxanne Carlson



Hi, my name is Roxanne Carlson. My parents are Robert (Mahone) and Carol Carlson. I recently received my Bachelors degree in accounting with a minor in speech communications and am very fortunate to have

found employment in my field of study.



I returned to the area approximately a year ago with my cat, Molly, and I am very happy to be able to continue living in the immediate area close to my family.

I have worked for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in the past at the Bedabin Family Group Home and the accounting office. I look forward to working with the accounting staff once again.

Community Calendar - APRIL 2006

National Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Cancer Control Month

Sexual Assault Awareness Month
April 5th - Kick Butts Day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.		Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.				9 am Tribal Council Meeting; KB Basketball Tournament at OCC
2 KB Basketball Tournament at OCC	3	4	5 Kick Butts Day! 	6	7	8 KB Women's Retreat
9 KB Women's Retreat	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday, Tribal Gov't Business Offices—closed	15
16 Happy Easter 	17	18	19 2006 Diabetes Expo	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

2006 Diabetes Expo

When: Wednesday, April 19th
10 am – 2 pm EST

Where: Lakeview Arena, Marquette

What to do?

- Free/low cost screenings (foot exam, blood pressure, A1C, cholesterol, kidney)
- Learn about diabetes medications, equipment and products
- Free product samples
- Cooking demos
- Massages

For more information, contact Paula Ackerman at (906) 228-9203.

DIABETES EXPO 2006
LAKEVIEW ARENA – WEDNESDAY APRIL 19
Bus Schedule
PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY FOR PICK-UP!

Hancock	Portage Health	8:00 AM
Houghton	Econo Foods	8:15 AM
Chassell	Holy Trinity	8:30 AM
Baraga	Ojibwa Casino	9:00 AM
Covington	Park-n-Ride	9:15 AM
Marquette	EXPO	10:45AM
	Mall	11:00 AM
	EXPO	12:30 PM
	Mall	12:45 PM
	EXPO	2:00 PM
	Mall	2:15 PM
Covington	Park-n-Ride	3:30 PM
Baraga	Ojibwa Casino	3:45 PM
Chassell	Holy Trinity	4:15 PM
Houghton	Econo Foods	4:30 PM
Hancock	Portage Health	4:45 PM

Tribal Members—KBIC Diabetes Program is helping to sponsor the bus and will pay the \$5.00 fee for those individuals who are interested in attending. If you are interested in riding the bus and have us pay the \$5.00 fee, contact Debbie Arens at 353-4559 by April 10th.



FUND DRIVE — Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College—Student Chapter of American Indian Business Leaders (KBCC-AIBL) is having a can drive throughout the March and April. The profits from this can drive will go towards funding the AIBL students on their trip to the National Conference in Arizona this April. Donations would be greatly appreciated. Cans may be dropped off in the Admissions Office at KBOCC Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.



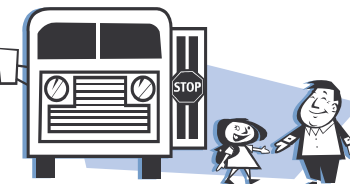
DONATIONS NEEDED:

The KBIC Cultural Committee is in the process of renovating the log house at the Ojibwa Recreation Area and is in need of the following items: **Chairs, Canisters, Pots & Pans, Silverware, Utensils, Dishes, Cups, Glasses, Bowls, Towels, Washcloths, Pot Holders, Food items, Table Lamps, Area Rugs, Pictures, Native Art & Craft items, Display Cases, Lawn Furniture, and monetary donations will be gladly accepted.**

We can either pick up donations, or make arrangements to have them dropped off. For more information call (Gerry Mantila @ 353-6623, ext. 4134, Bev Lussier 524-5188 or Summer Cohen 353-6272)

ANNOUNCEMENT —

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will be accepting pre-enrollment applications for the 2006-2007 school year, from April 7, 2006—June 15, 2006. Applications will be mailed to current enrollees and available at the Tribal Center, Tribal Health Department or by calling the Head Start Center at 524-6626.



March 13, 2006

TO: KBIC Departments/Businesses

In addition to our full line of building supplies, Ojibwa Building Supply offers a comprehensive selection of office supplies through our "INCOM" program. INCOM is a special part of our business that caters to Institutional and Commercial accounts. We offer a full range of office supplies and furniture. We can offer competitive prices and quick lead times to your business or governmental department. In addition we will deliver free of charge to your office (locally).

Other offerings of our INCOM program are full lines of Safety products/equipment, Material Handling products and Industrial/Commercial Supplies. We have catalogs of each of these product categories for your reference.

Our goal is to provide our tribal members and business entities with quality products and services at a competitive price. Remember that each purchase from Ojibwa Building Supply helps our Housing Authority to provide more services to our tribal members.

Please call for a quote on all of your building supply or office needs, our phone number is 353-8850, fax: 353-8851.

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- Native American or a descendant?
- BMI of 30 or greater?

Contact Ruth Keller, R.N. at 353-4543 for further details or to sign up for a new program beginning April 5th, 2006. Participation limited to the first 20 applicants.



OFFICE OF TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

RECRUITING NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYEES FOR POSITIONS WITH KBIC EMPLOYERS (APPLICANTS MUST BE 55 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER, AND MEET LOW INCOME GUIDELINES TO QUALIFY. ALL POSITIONS ARE PART-TIME 20 HOURS PER WEEK AND PAY \$5.15 PER HOUR):

CUSTOMER GREETER: Provide assistance to customers entering or leaving the building.

CUSTOMER RELATIONS AIDE: Provide assistance to patrons at hotel with personal services, take messages, arrange or give advice on transportation, business services or entertainment, or monitor guest requests for housekeeping and maintenance.

INVOICE CONTROL AIDE: Compile, compute, and record billing, accounting, statistical, and other numerical data for billing purposes. Prepare billing invoices.

OFFICE AIDE: Answer inquiries and obtain information for general public, customer, visitors, and other interested parties. Provide basic clerical support.

LIBRARY AIDE: Must have public relations and interpersonal skills; be able to sort and shelve books, issue and receive library materials and file according to identification number and title. Register patrons to permit them to borrow books, periodicals, and other library materials.

NATURAL RESOURCES AIDE: Perform routine ground and building maintenance such as picking up liter, emptying trash containers and routine maintenance.

FOOD & NUTRITION AIDE: Perform a variety of food services duties.

RECRUITING IRON WORKERS TRAINEES

The National Ironworker Training Program for American Indians conducts twelve week training sessions and is fully funded to qualified applicants which include lodging and weekly stipends. You must provide your own transportation to and from school and to training locations.

APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

U.P. PLUMBERS' & PIPE FITTERS', U.A. LOCAL 506 are taking applications.

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONISTS

Recruiting Medical Transcriptionists for employment referrals to an Indian Owned Tribal Business: two positions available and employee can work from home full or part-time.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATORS

Recruiting applicants for Heavy Equipment Operators/Forklift Training and Safety Training (23 hours) free, sponsored by MTU TTAP, training scheduled for April 11, 12 and 13th.

For more information, contact Debra Williamson—TERO/EEO Director at the Office of Tribal Employment Rights at (906) 353-4167, tero@kbic-nsn.gov

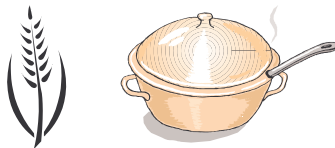
TO: **BEARTOWN WILDLAND FIRE FIGHTER RECRUITS:**
DEADLINE FOR NEW APPLICATION REGISTRATION IS APRIL 1, 2006.

CULTURAL RECIPE

Sauerkraut Wild Rice

1 pound ground beef
1 medium onion chopped
1 (16-ounce) can sauerkraut
2 cups cooked wild rice
1 can cream of mushroom soup

Brown ground beef and onion, add remaining ingredients. Bake in casserole pan for one-half hour to one hour at 350°.
~ Dorothy Stephens



Ojibwa Community Library—

The classes of KBIC Head Start visited the Library on Feb. 15. We had a great time reading books and playing a body part game using Valentine stickers. Lisa Denomie, one of the Head Start teachers, gave away books as part of the "Reading is Fundamental" program. The KBIC Even Start staff also took part in reading to the children.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



Vocabulary

Ininatig - maple tree
Wishobabo - sap
Nadoobin - go get the sap
Nibi akikoons - water bucket to gather sap
Iskigamizan - boil it down
Jiwagamizigan - syrup
Nase'igan - maple sugar
Anindi? - where?
Anin api? - when?
Nongom - now



Paul Halverson (left) and Chuck Loonsfoot (right) near the end of a day, end up with one gallon of maple syrup from nearly 60 gallons of sap. (2004, L. Denomie)

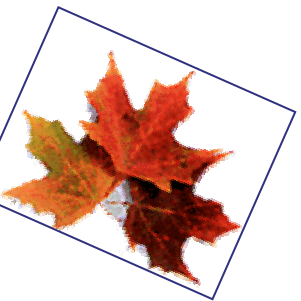
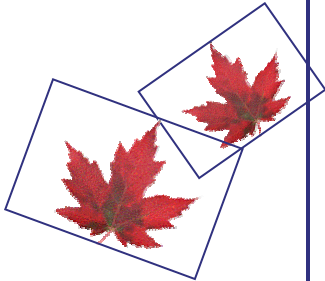
Fill in the puzzle

Down:

1. water bucket to gather sap
2. boil it down
3. now
4. where
5. sap
6. when

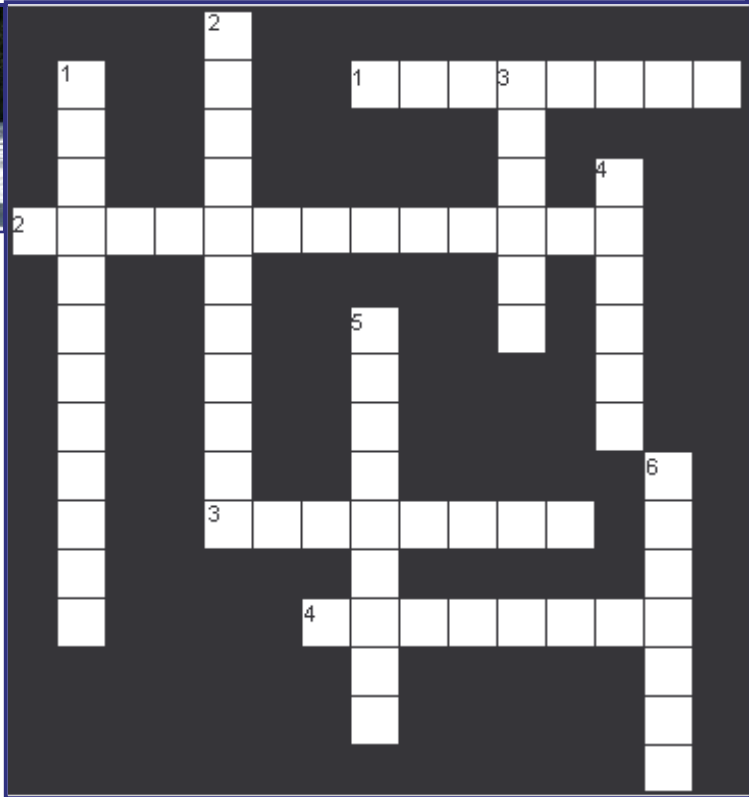
Across:

1. maple tree
2. syrup
3. go get the sap
4. maple syrup



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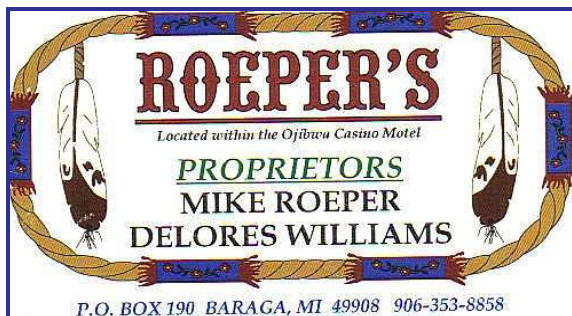
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The KBIC Natural Resources Committee has purchased yard tools. For more information, please call 524-5757. Weed trimmer, wood chipper and roto tiller are available.

GIKENDAAM CHIWIKWEGAMAG is seeking Native American Cultural recipes, stories and/or legends. If you are interested in sharing this knowledge with the KBIC Community, please contact Lauri at 353-8626, 353-4561, 201- 0263 or email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

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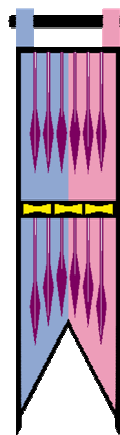
Assistant Tribal Attorney - open until filled
Clinical Social Worker - open until filled

On Call positions: LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales
Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker

For complete job announcement, application and closing dates contact:
KBIC Personnel Department
107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140
Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

For Your Information:
Plan to attend the 28th
Keweenaw Bay Maawanjii'iding, July 21-23, 2006,
Ojibwa Campgrounds, Baraga, MI

To place an ad, contact
Lauri Denomie at
newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.



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First People's Work Center



The KBIC is proud to announce the opening of its new small business resource center. It is focused on the support and development of Tribal member-owned businesses. The KBIC would like to assist Tribal members in becoming more successful business owners.

Some of the many services that will be provided:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program through AIEDF

8:00 am-4:30 pm

117 US 41 South Tel: (906) 524-2222
L'Anse, MI 49946 Fax: (906) 524-2266

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next...



Call Donna Sackett @ (906)



353-4115 at the Office of Planning & Development.

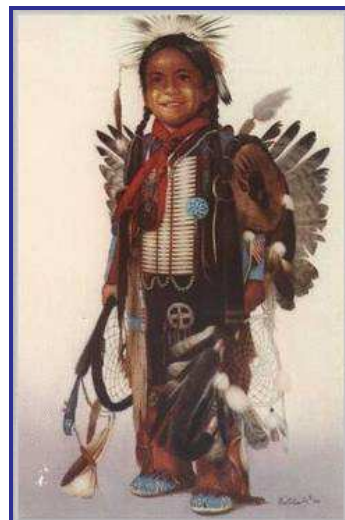


She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.

"Akiimadizwin" Women's Retreat



3rd Annual Women's Retreat, is April 8-9, 2006. Registration is required. For registration form and/or information contact: Peggy Minton at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility, 353-4510 or email plminton@hotmail.com



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All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Waabigoni Giizis - Flower Moon - May 2006



"Old Style & Contemporary Dance"



Women's Traditional Presenter Ruth Bussey, leads cultural committee members and others in the "Chicken Dance."



Men's Traditional Presenter Lester Drift and Student Assistant Don Chosa Jr. demonstrated a variety of dances.



Men's Fancy Bustle Dance Presenter Adrian King (left) with Student Assistant Steven Denomie (right) dazzled up the afternoon with their exhibitions.

Dancing, and Women's Fancy Shawl Dancing. Each category included a presenter and student assistants. Hourly Door Prizes were won by many of the 75 individuals who registered at the event. Watch for more events to be held by the Cultural Committee (more presenters on page five).

Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- April 15, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- Letter from President LaFerner seeking Gaming Commissioners
- Gaming Commission Raffle License Procedure
- Gloria Shalfoe, OCC Student of the Year
- Ojibwa Quilters Quilt for the home-bound
- KBIC Spring Community Basketball Tournament
- KBIC New Hires
- Akiimadizwin — All life living together in harmony — (2006 Women's Retreat)
- Community Calendar

APRIL 15, 2006 TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on April 15, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Michael LaFerner was absent.

Susan LaFerner recognized a number of Thank You and for your information correspondences received from the community. In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner stated that she, Mr. Baker and Chuck Brumleve participated in a conference with Mr. Jim Zorn and staff from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission regarding the concerns and how the Commission can and will be involved in mining. On March 8-9-10th, Councilman Mike LaFerner and President LaFerner attended the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fisheries and Habitat Conservation "Partners Awards Luncheon" in Washington D.C., where our K.B. Natural Resources Department received a Partnership Government Award. On March 15th, Mr. Baker, Chuck Brumleve and President LaFerner met with Ms. Michelle Halley, Attorney for the National Wildlife Federation and Manager of the Lake Superior Project on our concerns about mining in the Yellow Dog Plains. On March 29th, Mr. Baker and President LaFerner delivered our Airport Casino 2-part determination application to Mr. Terrance L. Virden, Regional Director, Herb Nelson and staff in Fort Snelling, Minnesota, and had an opportunity to discuss the application with them (see separate press release, page 5). Ads will be put in the L'Anse Sentinel this week for openings on the Economic Development Committee, Youth Committee, Pow-Wow Committee and Fire Fighting Committee. We also will be asking for interested persons to sit on a new "Drug Task Force" that will be forming in May. Many of our committees and the Tribal Council are concerned with the arrests and problems associated with drug abuse with all ages in our Community. As Keepers of the Earth, President LaFerner is asking for volunteers to clean the sides of our roads and start an "Adopt-A-Road" program similar to the State's "Adopt-A-Highway". President LaFerner thanks the many individuals who are faithful in cleaning the roadsides each year on their own and ask that they begin cleaning as soon as possible, especially on April 22nd (Earth Day). Also on that date the "Clean Sweep 2006" will be held.

The first public meeting on the Kennecott Eagle Project permit application will be held on Tuesday, April 18, at NMU, and is being held by the Michigan DEQ to provide an opportunity for interested parties to informally discuss and formally record public comments regarding this Part 632, Nonferrous Metal Mining, Permit Application. A copy of the application can be reviewed at the Tribal Center.

Please remember that the Secretarial Election to adopt or reject the proposed amendment to our constitution to allow 18-years olds to vote in our elections will be on May 2nd. The annual KBIC/Village of Baraga Spring clean up will be held on May 18-23. President LaFerner thanked Arlan Friisvall and his staff for plowing and keeping approximately 80 of our seniors citizens and our businesses drive-ways open this past winter.

Larry Denomie III reported on Council meetings held during the months of February and March in the Secretary's Report. Council approved \$10,200 for new surveillance equipment for Head Start and Daycare; approved a budget modification for Tribal Education in the amount of \$3,139.79 to hire temporary help while Helen Jondreau is off for maternity leave; approved Resolution KB1449-2006 for the Healthy Start Grant regarding Nutrition and Obesity; approved a Service Agreement for the Smoking Cessation Classes; approved \$2100 for the Natural Resources Dept. Fish Health Inspection contract; approved use of the Industrial Park borrow site for Sand Point cover soils; approved \$300 for the Alcohol Free Weekend on April 8th at MTU; approved \$25,000 for Baraga County Tourist and Recreation Association budget shortfalls; approved gaming licenses; offered the IT Manager position to Tom Chosa; approved the Education Committee By-laws; Resolution KB1455-2006 recognition of the Education Committee; approved the Secretarial Election Budget in the amount of \$1865; approved a raffle license for KBOCC; approved Resolutions KB1450-2006 IRR Bridge Construction, KB1451-2006 Recreational Lease for John Jacker, KB1453-2006 Coburn Acquisition, and KB1454-2006 Caverly Acquisition; authorized Ojibwa Housing Authority to retain ownership of two homes purchased by the Tribe, and the Tribe retains right to the land; approved changes to the Casino Sensitive Key policy; approved changes to new policy regarding rehiring of employees; approved \$31,200 for the Agylisis Phase II contract; approved \$1080 to purchase an extended warranty from Zeremba Equipment for the new Head Start bus; approved \$1000 each for Congressmen Kildee,

Kennedy and Pallone's campaigns; approved Resolution KB1452-2006 VOCA Grant application; donated \$1000 to the KB PeeWee Hockey Team Champions; approved \$2735 for the Fish Hatchery water supply wells; approved Tri Matrix Laboratories for the Brownfield response program; approved sending a letter of support regarding the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration and Protection of the Great Lakes Basin; denied gaming licenses for badges K0009 and S0167; approved Resolutions KB1457-2006 for the Secretarial Election; approved \$2109.40 for the AIHEC Conference in Green Bay, WI; approved \$4456 for the Lake Superior Community Partnership membership; approved Resolution KB1456-2006 ANA Assessment Grant; approved \$6815 for a copier for the new Small Business Center; approved \$1000 for Congressman Stupak's campaign; approved \$1900 for Broadcast Electronics for Eagle Radio; approved Bittner Services Agreement for NRD Hatchery Water Levels and the agreement between the KBIC and Village of Baraga for reimbursement for U.P. Engineer costs; approved the PowWow budget at \$103,535; approved having the PowWow committee handle all issues relating to the Miss KBIC Princess and having their decisions being final; approved business license for Jerry Magnant (Superior Water and Sales) pending approval of their LLC status; approved business license for Tim Friisvall (Frizz's Tobacco and Sales); approved \$1500 for the Skitters Ski Show during the Trout Festival; approved Resolution KB1454-2006 for the Caverly Acquisition; motioned to not have Tribe enter into the water users agreement with the Township of L'Anse on behalf of Tribal members; consented to allowing Dan and Elizabeth Connor to have an inspection done on the Tribe's home that Dale and Hope Dakota used to live in; approved the raffle license procedure and application for same; approved \$439,880 for network installation and equipment for Agylisis contract; approved Resolution KB 1458-2006—BIA 10% Plan and Resolution; approved KB1459-2006 for Residential/Commercial Lease Cutting; approved Annual Commercial Fishing Licenses; denied a request from Robert Ellsworth to transfer his remaining fish tags to John Tolonen and Tammy Seymour; approved costs to convert to natural gas at Martha Dakota and Russell Kinnuen's home at the lowest bid; motioned to have the Regulatory Compliance Officer review title 31 transactions and report to the Council on May 1st; motioned to pay Superior National Bank \$13,959.74 for the unpaid balance of the Guaranteed Loan not paid by Damian Swartz; approved gaming licenses; approved a vendor license; approved a raffle license; approved the Sand Point borrow site timber plan; approved the joint plan for the spring cleanup with the Village of Baraga with changes to per vehicle charges; approved the Clean Water Act Treatment as a State Jurisdiction Determination; approved moving forward with hiring our own group to review Kennecott Minerals mining application; approved \$340,605.40 for new equipment in the cage dept.; approved up to \$8500 for a new roulette wheel at the Baraga Casino; approved up to \$2000 for the Women's Retreat; approved \$600 for Brittney Maki to attend a Childhood Education Seminar in Lansing; approved \$500 for Jake Misegan to attend a mission trip to Alaska; approved a raffle license request for the KBOCC indoor play center; approved the Health Board By-laws; approved Resolution KB1461-2006 for the Land to Trust Application; approved promoting Dawn Richards to Comptroller and Don Larson to Controller; Elizabeth Mayo rescinded her motion to review Title 31 documents due to clarification presented by CFO; approved reclassifying the Diabetes Coordinator (Kathy Mayo) as the Director of Community Health Director; approved a services agreement for Rachelle Bachran; approved an independent contractor agreement for Dale Schmeisser; authorized a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for the James Byykkonen case; authorized a wage increase for the acting Chief of Police at .85 retro to the date he began the duties and approved the Blue Cross Blue Shield employee portion increases as presented. The Treasurer's Report was not available.

Council viewed presentations by Rob Aho, Engineer and Project Manager on the Sand Point Reclamation Design, by Matthew Wesaw of the Pokogen Tribe on an invitation for KBIC to join the United Tribes of Michigan, and from Jan Zender of the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve Committee who requested KBIC comments (verbal or written) at the first public meeting on the Kennecott Eagle Project on April 18th.

Jennifer Misegan presented a proposal to be administered by the Educational Committee establishing the Ann (Miller) Misegan Memorial Scholarship—a medical/dental student funding source available up to six years. Motion to approve the scholarship was made by Elizabeth Mayo, supported by Elizabeth Matthews and carried.

Five vehicles for Mud Drags—1) Rhea Koski/Dale Dakota, 2) Don Koski, 3) Dan Koski, 4) Tom Chosa/Brandi Koski, 5) Troy LaFerner; and five vehicles for stock car racing—1) Todd Pittsley, 2) Shane Pittsley, 3) Dan Hueckstaedt, 4) Jeff Klopstein, and 5) Joe Dowd, all requested sponsorship. Motion by Fred Dakota for each of the ten vehicles to receive \$1000 sponsorship funding and for each of the vehicles to display a decal from one of the tribal businesses, supported by Gary Loonsfoot and carried.

Margarita Nieskes requested assistance in the amount of \$902.52 to attend an International Club trip to Germany, Austria and Switzerland. She has raised the rest of the required money. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve \$1102.52 which includes \$200 for spending money, and to also give Jake Misegan \$200 spending money from a prior request which has been past practice, supported by Doreen Blaker, and carried.

Miranda Voakes requested assistance in the amount of \$4800 to attend a summer semester at the Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to approve \$4200 (\$600 Sovereignty fund is available) for Miranda Voakes to attend NMU Regional Police Academy, supported by Shawanung and carried.

Lynn Misegan on behalf of Jenny Haataja requested assistance in the amount of \$331 to attend a Youth and Government function. Jenny is a L'Anse High School student. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo for \$331 for Jenny Haataja to attend the Youth and Government function and to include \$200 additional for spending, supported by William E. Emery and carried.

William E. Emery introduced the Tribal Gaming Commission Code of Ethics (action number 077-2006) for approval. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Tribal Gaming Commission Code of Ethics, supported by Fred Dakota and carried.

The Third Reading of the Gaming Commission Ordinance was scheduled to be heard. After discussion, amendment 2006-01 to Ordinance 2005-2 was introduced by Larry Denomie III. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve amendment 2006-01, supported by Warren Swartz Jr., supported five (Swartz, Denomie, Minton, Loonsfoot, Matthews), opposed five (Dakota, Blaker, Mayo, Emery, Shawanung), President LaFerner supported, motion carried. Amendment 2006-02 to Ordinance 2005-2 was introduced by Warren Swartz Jr. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to approve amendment 2006-02, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve Gaming Commission Ordinance with changes, supported by Toni Minton and carried.

John Bussey, Gaming Commissioner, requested approval to publish letter to the membership for openings on the Gaming Commission. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to publish letter for openings on the Gaming Commission, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried.

John Bussey requested approval for KB-02-06 for a Head Start/Early Head Start raffle with prizes being a quilt and other homemade items. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve raffle application KB-02-06, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried. John Bussey requested approval for KB-03-06 for a Head Start/Early Head Start raffle with prizes being a 50/50 of money collected. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve raffle application KB-03-06, supported by Toni Minton and carried.

Terri Denomie and William Jondreau requested assistance with the KBIC Head Start Graduation Gifts and the KBIC Head Start 9th Annual PowWow. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve \$1000 for the PowWow and \$380 (\$20/each of the 19 children graduating) for gifts, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried.

Doreen Blaker requested on behalf of Marty Curtis Jr., assistance for the men's basketball team to attend the Annual Inter-Tribal Tournament in Lac du Flambeau, WI. Motion by William Emery to approve \$460 for the team to attend this tournament, supported by Toni Minton and carried.

A request was received from the American Legion Post #444 to help with costs associated with putting out brass grave markers and American flags on all the graves of local Veterans for Memorial Day this year. Motion by Larry Denomie III to approve up to \$500 for the American Legion Post #444 for flags and grave makers, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried.

Ed Janisse requested approval for the contracts to be signed for WCUP 105.7 Eagle Country Presents the 5th Annual "Salute to Hometown Heroes" concert. This year opening act will be Luke Stricklin with John Michael Montgomery as featured performer. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve contracts for Luke Stricklin and John Michael Montgomery, supported by Toni Minton, opposed (Matthews) and carried.

A discussion occurred on the annual fishing derby. It was suggested that this derby be dedicated yearly in memory of different individuals who have walked on and were involved with fishing. Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with Cherie Dakota, Mike Jensen, John Baker and Susan LaFerner per the agenda.

**KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION
107 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908**

KBIC GAMING COMMISSION RAFFLE LICENSE PROCEDURE

- 1). **Applicant must obtain KBIC raffle license application form from the KBIC Background Investigator/License Coordinator at least 14 calendar days prior to the date of the raffle.**
- 2). **Applicant must complete and return application to the KBIC Office of the Executive Director of Gaming Commission at least 12 calendar days prior to raffle.**
- 3). **The KBIC Office of the Executive Director of Gaming Commission will investigate and determine validity of information presented on application form.**
- 4). **The KBIC Office of the Executive Director of Gaming Commission will submit application form to KBIC Tribal Council/Gaming Commission for review and approval.**
- 5). **The KBIC Tribal Council/Gaming Commission will forward a copy of approved application to Executive Director of Gaming Commission.**
- 6). **The KBIC Executive Director of Gaming Commission will forward approved (signed) application/license to applicant.**

Please Note: In order for a license to be valid it must be approved by the Tribal Council/Gaming Commission and signed by the Tribal Council President/Chairman of the Gaming Commission. It is the responsibility of the applicant to present a license request in a timely manner to allow for it to be scheduled for approval at a scheduled Tribal Council meeting. Failure to submit the application in a timely manner may result in postponing the date of the raffle.

**KBIC Tribal Council/Gaming Commission
Approved: March 16, 2006**

For Your Information—

Dear Tribal Member:

The Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from qualified Tribal members who would like to serve as Gaming Commissioners. All interested members should submit a letter of interest and resume detailing their qualifications for the positions of Gaming Commissioners by May 30, 2006. The Tribal Council will review the letters of interest and resumes, will interview selected members and select three Tribal members as Gaming Commissioners by July 30, 2006.

Compensation for service as a Gaming Commissioner will be wages or stipends as determined by the Tribal Council. It is estimated that hours will average 10 to 20 hours per week. Attached to this letter are the qualifications necessary for the positions of Gaming Commissioners.

If you are interested in serving as a KBIC Gaming Commissioner and feel you meet the qualifications, please submit your letter of interest and resume no later than May 30, 2006, to the KBIC Tribal Council, Attn: Gaming Commissioner Position, 107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

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Susan J. LaFerner,
Tribal Council President/CEO

Qualifications of KBIC Gaming Commissioners —

In accordance with the Tribal Gaming Commission Ordinance KBIC Tribal Gaming Commissioners shall have at least the following qualifications:

- A) A Commissioner shall be an enrolled member of the Community and shall be at least twenty-five (25) years old.
- B) A Commissioner must pass a background test, drug screening and pre-employment physical.

- C) No person shall serve as Commissioner if the person has been convicted of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony of any kind or a misdemeanor related to illegal gaming, bribery, drug abuse, or dishonest act.
- D) A Commissioner must have a high school diploma or GED.
- E) A Commissioner shall not have a Conflict of Interest unless such Conflict of Interest has been fully disclosed to the entire Commission and to the Tribal Council and both entities have approved or waived the Conflict of Interest, separately from each other and in duly adopted resolutions.
- F) A Commissioner must not hold any elected position within the Community while at the same time serving as a Commissioner.
- G) A Commissioner must not hold the position of CEO or CFO while at the same time serving as Commissioner.
- H) A Commissioner shall not be an employee of the Commission.
- I) A Commissioner shall not be employed in any capacity by a Gaming Establishment.
- J) A Commissioner must have demonstrated extensive knowledge of federal Indian law, the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and related statutes and regulations by possessing three (3) years experience in casino management, prior Gaming Commissioner, or related education in business, finance or law.

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY TRIBAL GAMING COMMISSION/CODE OF ETHICS

Declaration of Purpose of Code

In order to conduct the regulatory responsibility assigned to the Tribal Gaming Commission, a certain standard of conduct needs to be established for all Tribal Gaming Commission members. The work of the Tribal Gaming Commission is highly sensitive in nature. It is essential that high moral and ethical standards be maintained by all Tribal Gaming Commission members in order to (a) eliminate conflict of interest (b) improve the standard of public service, and (c) maintain the trust and confidence of the public with the Tribal Gaming Commission.

Commissioners are representatives of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. They cannot and should not have personal and economic interest in the decisions and policies of the Commission. They should retain their personal and economic rights as Tribal Members.

The provisions of this code, rules and regulations, which may be established and are now in effect and to those issued hereafter by the Commission, are to be interpreted in the context of the above principles and are deemed to be in the best interest of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Responsibility of Commissioners

Commissioners are required to uphold their regulatory responsibilities in compliance with all Tribal, State and Federal gaming regulations that apply to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Further, they are bound to observe in their official responsibilities, the standards of ethics set forth in this code and to faithfully discharge their duties as Commissioners. Commissioners shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all their activities. They shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the Gaming Commission.

Definitions

Persons—Any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association or organization.

Confidential information—Any written or oral material or computer generated information related to the Tribal Gaming Commission and entrusted to the members in confidence or which is designated in trust to the members in carrying out their duties.

Financial Interest—Any interest which yields directly or indirectly a monetary benefit to the Commissioner by any person employing or retaining the service of the Commissioner.

Any Thing of Value—Any money or property, favor, gratuity, discount, service, payment, advance, forbearance, loan, gift, or promise of future employment. It includes services as well as gifts of transportation, travel, meals and lodging, whether in-kind or as reimbursement after the expense has been incurred. It does not include anything paid for by a local, state or the federal government or anything for which fair market value is paid by the recipient.

Unsolicited Item of Insignificant Value—Item not requested by the Commissioner having no resale potential and is promotional or educational in nature.

Immediate Family—With respect to the person under consideration, the father, mother, sibling, spouse, children, grandparents or grandchildren.

Conflict of Interest

Receipt of gifts and gratuities are prohibited. Any Commissioner shall not accept anything of value in the form of a gift, service, loan or promise from any person which may impair his or her independence of judgment or action in the performance of his/her official duties or to secure special privileges or exemptions for himself/herself or others.

Exception—It is not a conflict of interest for a Commissioner to receive an unsolicited item of insignificant value.

Personnel Interest—No Commissioner shall take part in any decision or discussion involving their immediate family.

Business Interest—A Commissioner shall not engage in any business, transaction or act in regard to any financial interest, direct or indirect, which:

- a. is incompatible with the proper discharge of his/her official duties for the benefit of the Casino, Bingo or Tribe;
- b. is contrary to the provisions of this code; or
- c. might require or induce him/her to disclose confidential information gained by reason of his/her position on the Commission; or
- d. use confidential information for his/her personal gain or benefit; or
- e. transact any business in his/her official capacity with any business entity of which he/she is an officer, agent, or member, or in which he/she owns interest.

Attendance

If a Commissioner has unexcused absences for more than three consecutive meetings of the Commission, the Commissioner may be removed from his/her office by vote of the Commission. A record of all removal proceedings together with the charges and findings thereon shall be kept by the Secretary of the Commission and the record of the proceedings shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Tribal Council.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

All Commissioners shall abide by the KBIC Drug and Alcohol policy.

Penalty for Violation

The Tribal Council may sanction or suspend any Commissioner for violation of the Code of Ethics.

GLORIA SHALIFOE—OCC STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Gloria has a 3.19 GPA and is studying in the Liberal Arts program. Along with working fulltime and being a fulltime student, she also volunteers her time, participating in activities for the youth. Gloria has always encouraged education as she loves to learn and hopes that, from her example, her young relatives, along with people in the community, will be given an incentive to continue their education as well.

ANNOUNCEMENT —

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will be accepting pre-enrollment applications for the 2006-2007 school year, from April 7, 2006—June 15, 2006. Applications will be mailed to current enrollees and available at the Tribal Center, Tribal Health Department or by calling the Head Start Center at 524-6626.



KBIC / Village of Baraga Spring Clean-Up 2006

KBIC is co-sponsoring the annual spring cleanup with the Village of Baraga. The KBIC/Village of Baraga Spring Clean-up will be from Thursday, May 18, through Tuesday, May 23, 2006. The dumpsters will be open to all Baraga Village residents and KBIC members from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm everyday of the clean-up period. There will be a cost of \$5.00 per truck load of garbage or single axle trailer and a cost of \$20.00 for pickup trucks hauling larger trailers. KBIC will pay the drop off charge for Tribal members. All participants must provide proof of Village residency or Tribal membership to dump garbage (i.e. Village utility bill, Tribal membership card). A security guard will be posted at the dumpsters from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am everyday of the clean-up period. An ad will be placed in the L'Anse Sentinel advertising the clean-up and describing the types of refuse accepted. Tires, oil, liquids, paint, scrap metal, hazardous materials, and yard wastes will not be accepted.

KBIC FILES TWO-PART GAMING APPLICATION

Susan J. LaFernier, the President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council, stated that, "I am pleased to announce that yesterday, March 29, 2006, the Community filed an application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the approval by the Secretary of the Department of Interior for relocating the casino operations from the existing Chocolay Township Casino to a new casino to be constructed on the former Marquette County airport property in Negaunee Township."

President LaFernier stated that, "The application for the two part determination by the Secretary was filed yesterday with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Minnesota and will require a thorough review by both the BIA Regional Office and the Central Office in Washington, DC. This application is required in addition to the land into trust application that was filed with the BIA in 1999. We anticipate that the review of our gaming application will be completed within the next five to six months."

The relocation of the gaming operations from Chocolay Township to Negaunee Township is in fulfillment of the Community's commitment to local units of government in Marquette County, including the Township of Negaunee, the City of Negaunee, Chocolay Township and the Marquette Board of Commissioners, and to Governor Engler; which was made during the process of obtaining the necessary approval for the operation of the casino in Chocolay Township.

The new casino will be a state of the art casino with 600 slot machines, up to 20 gaming tables, and a 106 room hotel with banquet and conference facilities. The anticipated increase in revenues will assist the Community in providing expanded governmental services and programs to its tribal members including additional housing, expanded health care services and increased educational and job training opportunities.

The relocation will also benefit the local community by fostering additional economic development in and around the airport property and the creation of more jobs for both tribal members and non-tribal members. Additionally, the Community will reimburse local units of government for government services and impacts associated with the Negaunee casino by payments made with two percent funds.

The Community would like to thank the local communities of Negaunee Township, the City of Negaunee, Chocolay Township, Ishpeming Township, the City of Ishpeming, Marquette Township, Powell Township, Republic Township, and the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, in addition to the many community organizations that have expressed their support for the relocation of the Chocolay Casino operation to the airport property," President LaFernier concluded.

Ojibwa Quilters Quilt For Homebound



(left to right) Nancy Shalifoe, Janice Shalifoe, Mary Loonsfoot, Carol Jacker, Shirley Clish (missing from photo Florence Uusitalo) are the Ojibwa Quilters.

Twenty-two KBIC members or spouses who are homebound received a home-made lap quilt, made for each of them by the loving and caring hands of the Ojibwa Quilters.

The six women (Florence Uusitalo, Janice Shalifoe, Mary Loonsfoot, Shirley Clish, Carol Jacker, Nancy Shalifoe) eagerly worked twice a week and some weekends to finish the quilts in a one-month period. They utilized a grant to purchase the material and got to work right away on their project.

If anyone would like to donate supplies (fabric, blankets, padding, etc.) or if you know of an individual who is homebound, please contact the quilters at the Ojibwa Senior Citizen's building (353-6096).

"Old Style & Contemporary Dance" *continued*



Women's Fancy Shawl Presenter Summer Cohen with Student Assistants, Megan Cohen, Danika Strong and Sammy Tolonen, demonstrated different styles.



Men's Grass Dancing Presenter Everett Ekdahl Jr. with Student Assistants Shiloh Lussier and Raistlin Awonohopay.



Women's Jingle Dress Presenter Dorothy Sam spoke of the jingle dance with the help of Adult Assistant Karlene Chosa and Student Assistants Dalene Chosa and Hope Minton.

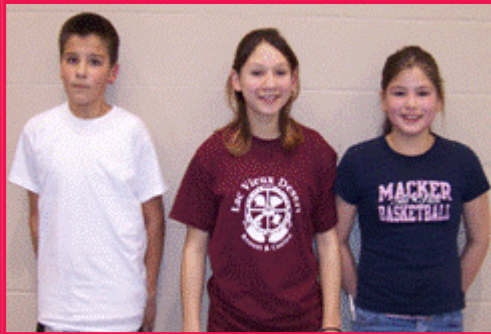


Now is the time to begin cleaning our Cemeteries in preparation of Memorial Day to remember all of our veterans and loved ones. We appreciate all of the hard work that many of you do each year. There will be a Memorial Day Service at the Pinery Cemetery and Assinins. Please be watching the L'Anse Sentinel for the times. Miigwetch!

KBIC SPRING (COMMUNITY) BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



13 & ↓ Free Throw Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—Shaneesa Hayes of LVD received \$50, 2nd place—John McGeshick of LVD received \$25, 3rd place—Otis Malmgren of KBIC received \$15.



13 & ↓ Three Point Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—Alden Connor Jr. of KBIC received \$50, 2nd place—Shaneesa Hayes of LVD received \$25, 3rd place—Joette Baldwin of LVD received \$15.



14 & ↑ Free Throw Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—David Perez III of Mt. Pleasant received \$50, 2nd place—Dan Giddings of KBIC received \$25, 3rd place—Shiloh Lussier of KBIC received \$15.



14 & ↑ Three Point Competition Winners: (left to right) 1st place—Steve Bates of Baraga received \$50, 2nd place—Robert Voakes of KBIC received \$25, 3rd place—Jared Gauthier of KBIC received \$15.



KBIC Girls 3rd/4th grade—(front l-r) Toriana Rasanen, Sheena Halverson, Desiree Jer-mac, (back l-r) Coach Cody Blue, Elli Morin, Sammy Tolonen, Katrina Ravidran, Coach Daanis Chosa.



KBIC Boys 3rd/4th grade—(front l-r) Kevin Denomie, Chaz Forcia, Samuel Dix, (back l-r) Coach Leif Forcia Sr., Keith Denomie, Joe Beauprey, Devin Bowers, Asst. Coach Leif Forcia Jr.



KBIC Girls 5th/6th grade—(front l-r) Gabrielle Picciano, Megan Tucker, Brittany Nieskes, (back l-r) Coach Jennifer Misegan, Brooke Chaudier, Shani Shelifoe, Deena Misegan.



KBIC Boys 5th/6th grade—(front l-r) Ethan Lee, Jay Gauthier, Toni Nieskes, Otis Malmgren, (back l-r) Clifford Durant Jr., Gaven Picciano, James Veker, Brandon Nieskes, Gary Loonsfoot III, Coach Tina Messer.



Hornets—Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Sam Mishler, Tashina Emery, Sam Crebessa, Jessica Lawson, (back l-r) Asst. Coach-Jennifer DeCota, Brooke Chaudier, Jade Chaudier, Courtney Vanderzandan, Asst. Coach-Shauna DeCota (Zena Huhta/Coach not in picture).



KBIC I Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Rebecca Gauthier, Carla Connor, Tiana Drift, Jennifer DeCota, (back l-r) Coach Chad Cichosz, Jackie Jossens, Shauna DeCota, Ronnie Jossens, Caroline Picard.



KBIC II Boys 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Desmond DeCota, Jared Gauthier, Leif Forcia Jr., (back l-r) Donald Chosa Jr., Clifford Durant Jr., Dustin Shelifoe, Coach Jessie Forcia.



LVD Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Joette Baldwin, Marissa Burke, Gertrude McGeshick (back l-r) Bricka McGeshick, Shaneesa Hayes, Seraya Labine, Coach John McGeshick Sr.



KBIC II Girls 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Janell Bianco, Mariah Furaitar, Dalene Chosa, Brittane Gauthier, (back l-r) Coach Chad Cichosz, Jessica Messer, Jessica Bianco, Devinne Kent, Betsy Ekdahl.

The KBIC Youth Club would like to express their deep appreciation for all the help they received from volunteers, who assisted in any way with the 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament. Chi Miigwetch! 🏀



KBIC I Boys 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Gaven Picciano, Alden Connor Jr., Dylan DeCota, (back l-r) Coach Alden Connor Sr., Robert Voakes, LeRoy Gauthier, Joe Paquin.



LVD Boys 7th-9th grade—(front l-r) Justin Hartzog, Rain McGeshick, Christian Garrison, (back l-r) John McGeshick III, David Baldwin, Coach John McGeshick Sr.



KBIC II Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Jaren Forcia, Shiloh Lussier, Kyle Arten, (back l-r) Coach Jessie Forcia, Shayne McGeshick, Joey Jossens, Jake Durant.



KBIC I Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Jordan Ekdahl, Chris Loonsfoot, Dan Giddings, (back l-r) Coach Alden Connor Sr., Dylan Morin, Craig Koski, Josh VanStraten, Steven Geroux.



BP Ballers Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Zack Sauvola, Cody Ireland-Brat, Kyle Chosa, (back l-r) Coach Larry Denomie, Trevor McGaHa, Nick Killian, Steven Denomie.



LVD Boys 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Darren Williams, Sage Winkaa, James Williams, Brandon Aimsback, (back l-r) Coach Roger Labine, Craig Fox, Chris Fox, Michael McGeshick, John Silversmith, David Perez.



KBIC Girls 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Abby Durant, Taylor Drift, Tiara Drift, Jessica Picard, (middle l-r) Kirsten Nicklas, Casey Chosa, Ava Picard, (back l-r) Coach Cheryne LaPointe, Fanchon Picard, Wausau Sandman, Cody Blue, Daanis Chosa, Coach Sheila Ekdahl.



LVD Girls 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Liz McGeshick, Laura Hartzog, Robin Pete, (back l-r) Coach John McGeshick Sr., Monica Gonzalez, Brittany Allen, Priscilla McGeshick.



Hornets Girls 10th-12th grade—(front l-r) Brittany McDonald, Jackie Nevala, Rachel Cranford, (back l-r) Jessica Kemppainen, Nellie Collins, Lauren Bianco, Jackie Collins, Jennika Nevala, Beth Dorsky.

The KBIC Youth Organization hosted their 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament on Friday, March 31st and Saturday April 1st. This year the event was opened up to the community.

The 3rd/4th grade KBIC Boys took first place over the 3rd/4th grade KBIC Girls team. The 5th/6th grade KBIC Boys team took first place over the 5th/6th grade KBIC Girls team. The 5th/6th grade Boys team won in an exhibition game against the 7th/9th grade Girls team.

In the 7th/9th grade girls division—1st place went to LVD, 2nd place to KBIC I and 3rd place to the Hornets.

In the 7th/9th grade boys division—1st place went to KBIC I, 2nd place to KBIC II and 3rd place to LVD.

In the 10th/12th grade girls division—1st place went to LVD, 2nd place to the Hornets and 3rd place to KBIC. In the 10th/12th grade boys division—1st place went to KBIC I, 2nd place to LVD and 3rd place to BP Ballers. The 10th/12th grade girls game between the Hornets and KBIC went into double over time. In these last two divisions, all games were very close and very exciting.

Plans are for the KBIC teams to travel downstate the weekend of April 21st-23rd.



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3. Take Care Of Your Diabetes

Join us for the Women's Challenge—

An eight-week challenge to increase your physical activity, beginning Sunday, May 14, 2006, Mother's Day, to kick off National Women's Health Week. Sign up now... it's quick and easy. Womenshealth.gov/whw/woman

WELCOME CHANGE

A Key to Mental Well-Being

May is mental health month, and I wanted to share an important ingredient in mental well-being. That ingredient is being able and willing to handle change.

Flexibility is the ability to adapt and to bend with change. Change is the one thing we can count on – yet we tend to resist it. We think that if we resist hard enough, change won't occur. Our resistance to change - our wall - only hardens us. People will leave, vacations will end, children will grow and leave home, our roof will leak, our jobs will change, our bodies will age and we will do things we wish we had not. The quality of our mental health will depend on how we handle change – not whether it will happen – because it WILL happen. Will we bend and grow, or will we harden and break?

This is especially important now, because we are living in a time of tremendous change, and things seem to keep changing at a faster rate (weather, gas prices). A key to health is to accept change, and yes, even welcome it. Can we say, "OK, change – I knew you were going to happen," rather than "Why does this always happen to me?" Successful living involves a certain spirit of adventure – can we view this change as an adventure – as a challenge?

We get to choose our attitude. If you are going up steps, how do you feel if you say, "Oh no, 2 more flights!!" as opposed to "only 2 more flights to go, I can do this." What messages do you give yourself (after all – you ARE listening!). Do you give yourself "**I can do this**" messages (for example, "I know it won't be easy, but I can do this. I've done hard things in the past")? Or do you give yourself "**I can't do this; I can't stand this**" messages? Research shows that "I can't stand this" messages to ourselves make it harder for us to cope, and can lead to anxiety, depression and increased pain.

Stretching makes you more flexible – mentally and emotionally, as well as physically. Venture out of your comfort zone and try on a new attitude – if even for 20 minutes! If you like the results, you can try it for 40 minutes.

Tips to improve psychological flexibility:

Wear something unusual for you

Go to work by a different route

Notice how you talk to yourself- count how many times in an hour you say something negative to yourself

Say something nice to someone you usually don't talk to

Thank someone you had forgotten to thank

Learn a new dance step

Go do one thing you have been avoiding

If you are right-handed, use your left hand for something, such as drinking your morning coffee

Be more willing to tolerate discomfort

Make a decision to be more cheerful, and carry it out, if only for 10 minutes

Dr. Marianne Brady
Youth & Family Services, Donald A. LaPointe Medical Facility

NOTICE TO ALL KBIC TRIBAL HEALTH PATIENTS UTILIZING CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES FOR OPTICAL SERVICES!

The Contract Health Service fund has been depleted for Optical Services. The KBIC Tribal Council has allocated funds to cover optical services for KBIC enrolled members during this shortage.

ENROLLED KBIC MEMBERS STILL HAVE COVERAGE UNDER KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR OPTICAL SERVICES.

IF YOU ARE NOT AN ENROLLED KBIC MEMBER AND ARE SEEKING OPTICAL SERVICES, PLEASE TALK WITH ELVERA LANTZ, 353-4537, ABOUT OPTIONS, INCLUDING SELF-PAY, OTHER PROGRAMS THAT MAY ASSIST, OR HAVING YOUR NAME INCLUDED ON A WAITING LIST FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Cherie Dakota @ 353-4521. Miigwetch!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Bernard S. "Bernie" Schofield

(- March 20, 2006)

Bernard "Bernie" Schofield, 59, of Milwaukee, WI (born in L'Anse) 'walked on' March 20, 2006. Bernie was the beloved husband of Kathryn; dearest father of Gerald (Debbie) Goniwicha, Natalie (Donald) Schofield, Denise (Jay) Seefeldt and Kevin Schofield; dearest grandfather of Gerald Jr., Brandon, Donald Jr., Austin, Alyssa, Nolan, Bailey, and Tyler; dear great grandfather of Gavin; dear brother of Robert (Carol), Barbara, Cheryl, Christine, the late Kenneth (Christine), Michael and Donald (Natalie); dear son-in-law of Henry and Sophie Kupsik; further survived by nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. Bernie was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Muriel Schofield.

Bernie loved bowling, shooting pool and his job at Metro Auto Parts. He was known for his dignified, quiet temperament and his sense of humor. Bernie served his country proudly in Vietnam.

Funeral Services were held on Thursday, March 23rd, at the Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral Home in Milwaukee, WI, then to the St. Adalbert Cemetery. Online guestbook—www.maxsass.com

Jeanette Mae Stevens

(July 21, 1941 - March 27, 2006)

Jeanette "Gally" Mae Stevens, 64, of Baraga, died Monday morning, March 27, 2006, at her home following a battle with cancer. She was born July 21, 1941, in Beartown, Michigan, a daughter of the late Joseph and Pearl (Nadeau) Loonsfoot. Jeanette is survived by two daughters, Robin Gauthier of Baraga and Vicki Szymanski of Kenosha, WI; grandchildren, Dylan, Brandon and Darian "Honna" DeCota; special friend, Tom Paquin Sr. of Baraga; siblings, Charles "Chuck" (Molly) Loonsfoot Sr. of Baraga, Joan "Bubbles" (LeRoy) Gauthier of Baraga, Eugene "Cowboy" (Katie) Loonsfoot Sr. of Baraga and Bernard "Beaver" (Marie) Loonsfoot Sr. of Chicago, IL; step-children, Beatrice Stevens of Wisconsin, and Mark Stevens of Chicago; special grandchildren, Tom "Buddy" Jr., Tahala "Sunshine", David, Joseph "Diggy" and Janelle "Nell" Paquin. Besides her parents, Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband, Fredrick Stevens; infant son, Eugene Gauthier; siblings, Donna Mae "sister" Kinnunen, Joseph "Sonny" Loonsfoot Sr. and Anthony "Tony Bags" Loonsfoot.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, March 30, 2006, in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church at Assinins, MI, with Rev. Augustine George officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.


Ojibwa Community Library—

I appreciate the responses to the library survey. The suggestions are great. I'll have the results in the next newsletter. Beginning May 8, the library will be open 20 hours per week. We will be closed on Friday. I will let everyone know the exact times as soon as possible.

One of the Early Head Start Classes will be visiting the library on April 20. Lisa Denomie will be giving books to the children as part of the "Reading is Fundamental" program. Pictures will be in the June newsletter.

I want to thank Rose Edwards and Penny Olson for their generous donations of audio books and movies/DVD's to the library. Another generous donor is Donald May from Trout Creek.

The library just received the book "A Seat at the Table," by Huston Smith in conversation with Native Americans on religious freedom. The library now receives the magazine "Diabetic Living" which was purchased by DESTINY. It's a quarterly publication. Thank you to DESTINY for their generosity.

READING IS A HOOT—In celebration of the theatrical release of Hoot, New Line Cinema, Walden Media and the Young Adult Library Services Association are pleased to present a list of engaging books for young readers who are interested in learning more about the environment. Whether saving the habitat of an endangered species of owls or observing the abundance of life in your own back yard, these titles are sure to spark curiosity about nature and the world around us. Check out these books: *CITY OF THE BEASTS, *THE RACE TO SAVE THE LORD GOD BIRD, *SAVING THE PLANET AND STUFF, *ONE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE: Inspiring actions that change our world, *JACKIE'S WILD SEATTLE, *LOSTMAN'S RIVER, *THE MAZE, *ENDANGERED PLANET, *CALIFORNIA BLUE, *THE BOOK OF NORTH AMERICAN OWLS, *GREEN THUMB  ~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

NEW HIRES at KBIC

Women's Health Promotions Educator— Heather Wood



Hello, I'm Heather Wood, and I have lived in Baraga County for many years. I graduated from L'Anse au Loup High School, and

then went on to earn my Bachelor degree in Preschool & Family Life Services from Northern Michigan University. Recently, I have also earned a certificate as a group exercise instructor.

I was previously employed as the KBIC Medical Receptionist and have now moved to the second floor as the Women's Health Promotions Educator. I am very excited about my new position because I have a chance to actively interact with the women in our community.

I enjoy participating in a variety of activities, and though I am a little sad to see all of the snow leave because that means an end to winter sports, I am happy to welcome the summer months of fishing, camping and the Relay for Life. Hope to see you soon.



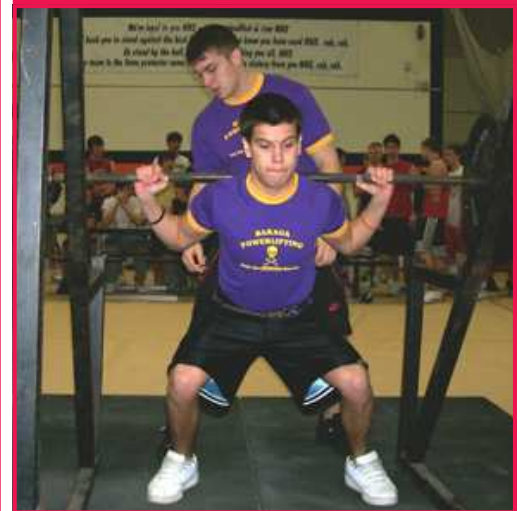
Tribal Child Support Director— Tami Lorbecke

KBIC was recently awarded federal funding to enhance existing tribal child support services by establishing a Tribal child support program. Initial funding is for a two-year start-up phase that will transition into a full-fledged tribal child support services program capable of providing a full range of child support services to KBIC families by January 2008.

One of the program's first tasks of hiring a Director was completed when Tami Lorbecke accepted the position. Tami was born and raised in north-central Wisconsin, lived in southern Florida for six years and Oklahoma for three years, but has always considered the north-woods home. Tami lived and worked in Lac du Flambeau, WI, for ten years beginning with work for the Native American Domestic Abuse Program. When the Tribe received funding to establish their own child support program, Tami was hired as the Director and served in that position for four years until a personal change in circumstances motivated her to accept a position as a Project Manager with the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Support Services in Oklahoma where she has worked the past three years. She has worked exclusively in the tribal child support arena since 1999 and has participated on tribal, state and federal levels to promote the best interest of children and to ensure the protection of tribal sovereignty in regards to child support enforcement. She has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology with a minor in Native American and Rural Social Work with an emphasis in Women's Studies.

Tami has a married daughter living in Merrill, WI, a married son and two granddaughters living near Wausau, WI, and a daughter and granddaughter living in St. Paul, MN. She also has numerous extended family members who live in Wisconsin. Her desire to be closer to family and a more intricate part of her granddaughters' lives prompted her move closer to home. Tami enjoys reading, doing genealogy research and fishing in her spare time, but time spent with her three granddaughters is what she enjoys most.

TRIBAL MEMBERS ON CHAMPION WEIGHT- LIFTING TEAM



Chris Loonsfoot lifts, Dan Giddings spots.

On Saturday, March 18, 2006, in Newberry, Michigan, the Baraga Vikings Powerlifting Team successfully defended their title—U.P. State Powerlifting Champions for the second year in a row. Congratulations to all the Vikings. Following are tribal members scores:

8th grader—Kelly Shanahan (KBIC) took top honors (at 130 lbs, he had a total lift of 650 pounds). Shanahan had a best squat of 225 lbs, a 150 lb. bench and a 275 lb. dead lift.

Chris Loonsfoot (KBIC), a 142 pound sophomore, finished second in his weight class JV competition. Chris had a squat of 215 lbs, a bench of 165 lbs and a dead lift of 315 lbs with a 695 total lift. In the next weight class JV competition—Jordan Ekdahl (KBIC), a 160 lbs sophomore, took top honors. Jordan had a squat of 225 lbs, a bench of 205 lbs and a dead lift of 260 lbs for a total lift of 690 lbs. In the 155 division, Dave Paquin (KBIC) took 6th place with a total lift of 680 lbs.

In the 181 division, 167 lb junior Dan Giddings took first place. Dan had a total lift of 1,000 pounds! Dan had a 240 squat, 260 bench and a dead lift of 400 lbs. A new member of the team, Dylan Morin, a 168 lb junior, took 5th place with a best squat of 280 lbs, 215 lb. bench and 350 lb. dead lift, for a total lift of 845 pounds. Steven Geroux, a 200 pound junior, finished 8th with a 250 lb. squat, 185 lb. bench and a 375 lb dead lift. Mike Lahti (Dowd), in the 242 division, placed 5th with a 335 lb. squat, 230 lb. bench and a 405 lb. dead lift.

Akiimadizwin — All life living together in harmony — (2006 Women's Retreat)



Graphics, Baraga American Legion, Statewide Reality, Keweenaw Candles, KBIC Youth Club and all the individuals who donated their time and money to make our retreat possible. This event was sponsored by a grant from ITC—Healthy Anishnabe Women's Project, STEPS, KBIC/DHHS, Community Health, KBIC Diabetes Program, KBOCC, Healthy Start, IHS Women's Circle Grant, Avon Breast Care Fund and the March of Dimes Community Grant.



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Community Calendar - MAY 2006

Nat'l Mental Health Month
Nat'l Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month

Nat'l Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	1	2	3	4	5	6 Ojibwa Community College Graduation
7 Nat'l Nurse's Week	8	9	10	11	12	13 KBIC Head Start Graduation and Pow Wow
14 Happy Mother's Day! Women's Health Week	15	16	17 Nat'l Employee Health & Fitness Day	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day, Tribal Gov't Offices closed.	30	31 World No Tobacco Day; Nat'l Senior Health & Fitness Day	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.		

Keweenaw Bay Office of Planning & Development to Sponsor a Culturally Relevant Indianpreneur Training.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be hosting an Indianpreneur training class which will run for two weekends, May 9, 10 & 11, 2006, and May 23, 24, 25. This is a two part training class, and students will need to attend both sessions. The class will be held at the Anishinaabe Anokii. This class is being presented by the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF).

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, MN, who helps American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education, counseling, and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender, participate in the loan process by providing gap funds at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The Fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business—all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call Tina Durant, Services Coordinator Anishinaabe Anokii, at 906-524-2222.

‘KINOMAAGE’ COURSE OFFERED FOR NMU SUMMER COLLEGE—The Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies will offer a special topics course titled “Kinomaage: Earth Shows Us The Way” for Session 1 of the Summer Term. The course will meet from 5:30-9:50 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, May 22-June 29. The term “kinomaage” literally can be translated into “the earth it shows” in the Ojibwemowin language.

Through field trips and local walks, students will acquaint themselves with area plants traditionally harvested by the Anishinaabeg. Two additional field trips outside of class will be required. Class discussion will compare and contrast Anishinaabeg and western earth relations while also taking a look at current ecological concerns affecting area plants and their communities.

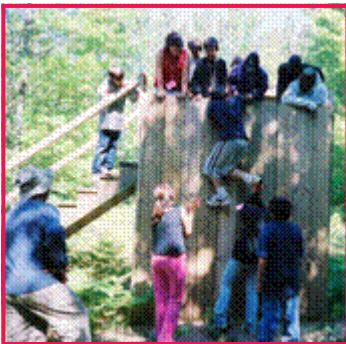
Aimee Cree Dunn will instruct the four-credit course. Don Chosa will serve as the language consultant. For more information, contact the center for Native American studies at 906-227-1397.

The Native American Summer Leadership Program is returning to Northern Michigan University’s campus this summer. Student going into 6th, 7th, or 8th grade in the fall are eligible to attend. Campers should plan to arrive on campus at 1 pm EST on Sunday June 25 and must be picked up by 1 pm EST on Saturday July 1.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for transporting their children to and from campus. We will provide all food; a dorm room they will share with one other camper; recreational activities including swimming and hiking; cultural activities which may include beading and Ojibwe language; leadership and teambuilding activities; programs designed to encourage school attendance and preparing for college; and around-the-clock chaperones who are current college students.

Applications are available from school guidance counselors or Title VII counselors. They are due **June 1**. Spaces are limited to 24 girls and 24 boys, and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, contact Camp Director Shirley Brozzo at 906-227-1554.



Retold Ojibwa Story, submitted anonymously by a community member

HOW NOKOMIS MADE THE FOOD TASTE SO GOOD

Many, many years ago there was a Nokomis who loved to cook meals for all the people in her village. Whenever she cooked, people came from near and far to feast upon the food she made that was gathered from the earth. Everyone took great pride in Nokomis’ meals, and everyone brought food for her to cook and helped her prepare it.

The women and children helped her tend the gardens and with carrots, beans, peas, corn, leaks, and potatoes. They picked mushrooms in the spring and helped her gather strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries and cranberries during the summer. Nokomis knew gathering berries was

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Summer 2006 Schedule of Courses "Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"					
Locations/Contacts:	Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Location
Four Directions Center 111 Beartown Baraga, MI 49908	BI210 Botany (4 credits) Requires 3-day overnight field trip. Lab Fee \$120 Fulfills Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 22nd Course Ends Week of July 10th	P. Nankervis	Mon, Wed	9:00am-12:00pm	*Science Lab
Educational Bldg * 409 Superior Baraga, MI 49908	BS145 Business Communication (3 credits) 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	J. Kappler	Tue, Thu	2:30pm-6:15pm	115
Fine Arts Center 325 Superior Baraga, MI 49908	EC202 Macroeconomics (4 credits) Fulfills Social Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	J. Kappler	Mon, Wed	2:30pm-6:15pm	115
Main Phone Number (906) 353-4600	ES242 Wetlands (4 Credits) Requires 3-day overnight field trip. Lab Fee \$120 Fulfills Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 22nd Course Ends Week of July 10th	P. Nankervis	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-8:00pm	*Science Lab
Admissions Information (906) 353-4604	EN250 Native American Images in Literature and Film (4 Credits) Fulfills Humanities and Native American Awareness Requirements 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	P. Olson	Mon, Wed	2:30pm-6:15pm	113
Registration Information (906) 353-4605 or (906) 353-4606	ES207 Science, Technology, and Culture (4 credits) Fulfills Humanities Requirement 8-Week Course Open Only to NASA Summer Research Students	T. Marshall	TBA	TBA	TBA
General Advising (906) 353-4606	HU109 Introduction to Humanities (4 Credits) Fulfills Humanities Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	P. Olson	Tue, Thu	2:30pm-6:15pm	113
Library Phone (906) 353-8163	LS207 Contemporary Issues in Government and Public Affairs (4 credits) Fulfills Social Science Requirement 8-Week Course Open Only to NASA Summer Research Students	T. Marshall	TBA	TBA	TBA
Science Lab Phone 906-353-8162	MA095 Basic Math (2 credits) Does Not Fulfill Transfer Requirements 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of May 8th Course Ends Week of June 26th	TBA	Tue, Thu	9:00am-10:45am	111
Registration Steps 1. See an advisor (Penny Olson, Mary DeLine, John Kappler, or Teneice Marshall). 2. Obtain an advisor's signature on your registration card. 3. Register with the Enrollment Coordinator (Liz Julio). Note: You are only registered after following all these steps.	PY101 Psychology (4 Credits) Fulfills Social Science Requirement 8-Week Course Course Begins Week of June 5th Course Ends Week of July 24th	F. Taddeucci	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-8:45pm	111

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hard work, and after she offered her tobacco, she let the children snack as they collected berries. This gave the binoojinh just enough sweetness, so they would smile and laugh while they listened to the stories Nokomis shared with them as they picked and gathered berries.

In the early spring Nokomis showed the children how to tap the Maple trees, collect the sap, and boil it, so they had syrup and candy during the fall and winter. When the ricers went out in the late fall, they brought Nokomis back precious manoomin which she would then cook, pop, use in soup, or make bread with for the people.

The hunters brought her rabbits, birds, deer and bear. The fisherman gave her a steady supply of whitefish and other fish. Everyone shared the gifts the earth had shared with them with each other, and while they shared their efforts everyone had full bellies and good health.

One day two brothers were out on the lake fishing. The older brother had caught ten fish and told his younger brother that this proved he was the best fisherman of the community. All of a sudden, the younger brother speared a white fish that must have weighed more than all of the other fish in the boat combined. "Ha!" yelled his younger brother. "Who's the best fisherman in the community now?"

The brothers continued their bickering and arguing all the way back to the shore. Once they pulled the boat out of Gitcheegoumee, they separated the fish and took them home instead of taking them to Nokomis. That night there was no sweet tasting white fish in the pot when the community came together to eat.

This attitude spread throughout the community. If someone couldn't be known as the best hunter, vegetable grower, fisherman, ricer or berry picker, they stopped bringing food to Nokomis. The meals which had kept the tribe healthy for so long became less and less. The people still showed up to eat, but they went away hungry with their bellies grumbling and growling.

"Why don't you cook for us anymore, Nokomis?" they would ask her. Even worse some of them complained that all Nokomis did was boil water now with no flavor.

One night when the people showed up to eat all that was left was the fire pit with ashes and small pieces of charred wood. Once that fire pit had held Nokomis' big pot where so many wonderful meals had come from. Now there was no Nokomis, no pot and no food.

After awhile as the stomachs rumbled and grumbled, two of the children shared some dried berries with the other children that they had been holding onto. Another child shared some maple candy. Soon some vegetables were shared. Before long everyone brought some food forth and began sharing it with each other. It became one of the biggest feasts the people had ever had. The next day Nokomis was back home with her pot, and everyone brought food to her, and as she started to cook, the children gathered around to her laugh and tell stories.

"Nokomis, where were you yesterday?" the children asked. "We missed you."

"I had to go away," she answered, "so you would remember how to share. That is what made the food taste so good and filled all of your bellies last night."

Ever since then when the people gather together, they honor Nokomis with their gifts of food and good will towards each other, and no one ever goes away hungry or with bad feelings.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT CLASS



son, Tero Director, hopes to have another training this fall. Miigwetch to all who participated!

This was an excellent opportunity for our Tribal people. We had eleven people complete the 24 hour Bulldozer/Forklift/Safety class. They all received Industrial Lift Truck Training Certification. Pictured are Rebecca Genshow, Brian Rantanen, Robert Ellsworth, Allen Gauthier, Dianne Gougeon, and Robert Verbanic Sr. This training was sponsored by TTAP out of MTU and the trainer was John Lovoto. Deb William-

OJIBWEMOWIN

Waabigoni Giizis

Flower Moon - May

Vocabulary

Waabigon - flower	Wadiswan - bird's nest
Zaagibagaa—it buds	Ozaawa - yellow
Kitigan - garden	Miskwa - red
Bineshi - bird	Ozaawashkwa - blue/green
Bimise - he flies by; he flies	Waabishka - White

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Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is soliciting essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as their Princess for 2006-2007.

Eligible young women must be: *an enrolled KBIC member or eligible for KBIC enrollment, *13-18 years old, *A good role model (socially and educationally), *A dancer (traditional, jingle or fancy shawl), *Alcohol and drug free

The essay must be personally written by the candidate and contain each of the following: *What our culture means to you, *Why you would like to represent the tribe as it's Princess, *What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement), *A biography about yourself, *Your future plans

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number.

Essays will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Submit to Pauline Spruce at the Tribal Center.

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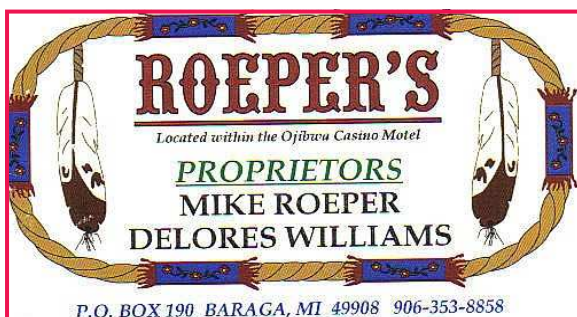


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For complete job announcement, application and closing dates contact:

KBIC Personnel Department
107 Beartown Road, Baraga, MI 49908
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Anishinaabe Anokii Tribal Business of the Month

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First People's Work Center



The KBIC is proud to announce the opening of its new small business resource center. It is focused on the support and development of Tribal member-owned businesses. The KBIC would like to assist Tribal members in becoming more successful business owners.

Some of the many services that will be provided:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
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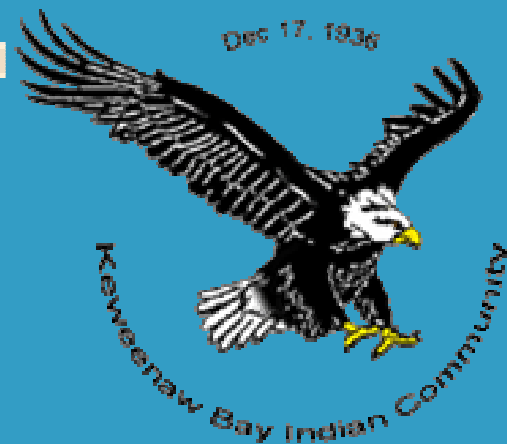
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OCC Graduation—Class of 2006



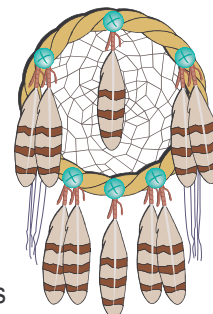
(left to right) Kelly Shelifoe, Kelsey Mayo, Jessica Koski, DeAnna Hadden, Nicole Gauthier, Micheale Denomie (Elizabeth Julio missing from photo)

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Ojibwa Community College held Commencement 2006 on Saturday May 6, 2006, with seven students graduating. Master of Ceremonies, Timothy Shanahan (Chairperson—KBOCC Board of Regents) congratulated the students on a job well done and presented each with their Associate's Degree Diploma. All seven ladies graduated with honors. Dr. Verna Fowler, Menominee Nation, presented the Commencement Address. Dr. Fowler developed the Menominee Tribal College and spoke of the importance of educating tribal members who will someday return and work for their tribe. Eric Awonohapay and the Summer Cloud Singers provided the processional and class song. The audience were also addressed by Valedictorian Jessica Koski, Liberal Studies Graduate DeAnna Hadden and Early Childhood Graduate Kelly Shelifoe. This is OCC's third graduating class. A feast followed the ceremonies. (For more on the graduates, see page six.)



Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFerner, President
Warren C. Swartz Jr., Vice-President
Larry J. Denomie III, Secretary
Doreen Blaker, Asst. Secretary
Toni Minton, Treasurer
Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr.
Fred Dakota
William E. Emery
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- May 6, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- Head Start Graduation and Children's Powwow
- OCC Graduates
- OCC Honor's Ceremony Program
- Girl's REZ Runners take 1st place
- Ojibwa Senior Citizen—Installation of new officers, Hugo retires
- KBIC New Hires
- Community Calendar

MAY 6, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on May 6, 2006. Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFernier Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present.

Susan LaFernier recognized a number of Thank You documents received from the community. In the President's Report, Susan LaFernier stated there was a good discussion on the mining issue at the pre-"Anishnabe Aspects" mining presentation meeting held April 5, 2006. On that same date, President LaFernier gave an interview with the Michigan Radio Talk Network on the filing of our two-part application for the new Marquette Casino. This interview aired on April 9, 2006. The following day, President LaFernier attend a press conference in Marquette on the "Earth Keepers," who endorsed another chapter that includes NMU students. Their goals of adopting U.P. lakes and streams, planting trees and volunteering at numerous environmental projects were praised by Bishops and Leaders of nine U.P. faith communities, by the NMU President and President LaFernier. President LaFernier congratulated all who participated in the e-waste project that was held on Earth Day (April 22, 2006), where 300 tons of e-waste was collected in the U.P. Also on April 22, 2006, President LaFernier met with Cynthia Pryor and Kelly Mathews for another 5 & 10 Television interview, in Marquette, on the new Marquette Casino. On April 8, 2006, she spent an enjoyable day at the Women's Retreat at Fortune Lake, where she received a great "chair massage" and worked on a pair of beaded baby moccasins. President LaFernier acknowledged her excitement to sit and do some beading, a previous past time event of days gone by. On April 11, 2006, Mr. Baker, Mr. Hays and President LaFernier attended a meeting with Mr. Wayne Johnson and his staff from the Negaunee Township on the new Casino's sewer needs. They also met with the City of Negaunee Supervisor on the same issue. Both meetings were favorable, and we will continue to meet again, with them in the near future on this issue and regarding fire protection. That same evening, President LaFernier attended a dinner with Senator Mike Prusi and Representative Rich Brown, in Hancock with other CEO's of businesses regarding issues that are important to the well-being of the business community and to our communities as a whole. April 12, 2006, President LaFernier attended the "Anishnabe Aspects" Environmental and Cultural Concerns of Sulfide Mining on our Treaty Lands meeting held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. This meeting was to educate our community on sulfide mining. Miigwetch to Summer Cohen, Cynthia Pryor, Michelle Halley, Ruth Bussey and Chuck Brumleve for their presentations and to those community members who helped organize the meeting. On April 18, 2006, approximately 20 community members attended the DEQ's first Public meet-



ing in Marquette on the Part 632 Nonferrous Metal Mining Kennecott Eagle Project Permit Application. Eighty people gave comments at the meeting. President LaFernier stated, "I am so proud of our tribal members and employees who gave comments. It was very powerful." We also attended the

rally in front of the building before the meeting began and marched in a circle with mining opposition signs.

The Department Head meeting was held on April 19, 2006, where we discussed many issues. On April 26, 2006, Mike LaFernier, Fred Dakota, Larry Denomie, Mr. Baker and President LaFernier attended the appeal and oral arguments on our Property Tax case at the 6th Circuit Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. The hearing was very interesting and went very well. The panel consisted of three judges who were very knowledgeable. A decision may be made in three—four months but could possibly take longer. On April 27, 2006, President LaFernier attended an informative meeting with the Even Start staff and a federal monitor for the grant. The meeting went very well, and we are anticipating a second year of funding. There are openings on the Economic Development Committee, Youth Committee, Fire Fighting Committee, Pow-wow Committee and the Cultural Committee. Letters of interest should be directed to the Tribal President's office. As Keepers of the Earth, President LaFernier asks for volunteers to clean the sides of our roads and to start an "Adopt-A-Road" program similar to the State's "Adopt-A-Highway." We hope to have place signs with "In Memory of" or have your group listed for those who volunteer. Congratulations to our Ojibwa Community College graduates (May 6, 2006), KBIC Head Start Graduates (May 13, 2006), to our L'Anse/Baraga High School graduates and all graduates on a job well done! Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers who are ill or have lost love ones (families of Patrick Racette, Fabian Haataja and Leroy Gauthier)

Per request of President LaFernier, Councilman Gary Loonsfoot Sr, reported to the group of a meeting he had attended regarding possible ATV guideline changes on Ottawa National Forest lands. The meeting was very informative, and he learned the only roads subject to closure are the ones crossing wetlands and creeks along logging roads. Mr. Loonsfoot stated that he plans to attend more meetings being scheduled this Fall.

In the Vice President Report, Warren "Chris" Swartz, indicated that he attended an intergovernmental accord in Mount Pleasant, MI. The purpose of the meeting was for tribes to meet on an annual basis to reaffirm their joint commitment to the preservation, restoration and enhancement of the great lakes ecosystem and pledge to work together to clean up the pollutants now present, eliminate exotic species, maintain and preserve diverse water resource habitats, and prevent future contaminants, exotics and depletion of these waters. Mr. Swartz addressed the attendees regarding an area of concern for our community — KBIC's opposition to the sulfide mine proposed by Kennecott mining company. He was able to secure a copy of resolution of support from the Bay Mills Indian Community. Mr. Swartz also was able to attend a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Community Council meeting, where he addressed their Council to consider a resolution of support for the opposition of sulfide mining by Kennecott. He provided them with a copy of the Bay Mills Indian Community's resolution of support for reference and forwarded all the information needed to their Council President. Earlier this week, Vice President Swartz attended a meeting with the L'Anse Planning Commission. The group plans to meet bi-monthly. The plan is being mandated by the State of Michigan, and the Village is now required to review it every five years. This committee requested a copy of our comprehensive plan, and this request has been forwarded to our Tribal President. When asked, Vice President Swartz indicated that he had provided comments on the environmental section of the plan. He plans to continue to work closely with Chip LeClaire on these important issues for the communities involved.

Larry Denomie III gave the Secretary Report for April 2006, in which he apologized for reporting last month that the Independent Contractor Agreement for Dale Schmisser had been approved — it should read as has not been approved. In the month of April, Tribal Council approved promoting

two part-time cleaning staff to full-time status, approved Resolution KB1462-2006 recognition of the Alcohol Advisory Board and their Bylaws, revised the Senior Pension Policy to allow seniors to change their distribution schedule once per year, approved purchase of printers for the new Slot Oasis system at \$21,954, approved \$1,200 for the Negaunee Fire Department memorial, approved \$1,000 for Richie Asher's medical expenses if they are not paid through the health center, approved Commercial Property Lease with Commercial National Bank; approved offering the Assistant Tribal Attorney position to Joe Merstik, passed a motion requesting all legal documents be in meeting packets prior to the meeting, approved transferring Jim Loonsfoot's annual leave only to Angela Pearson and to have the Human Resources and Personnel Department draft a policy regarding transferring of employees annual leave, approved gaming licenses, approved \$7,000 for the 2006 Lumberjack Day Fireworks Show, removed the record on case #003-06, insert a reprimand and issue back pay for up to 40 hours lost, reinstated employee with back pay up to March 20, 2006, on case #004-06, due to marijuana not yet covered in the Gaming Ordinance; upheld the termination issued by the acting Chief of Police on case #005-06, authorized Michael LaFerner to have a check for Tribal Construction in an amount up to \$20,000 for equipment purchase, and authorized paying of Angela Smith's COBRA expense for one month.

Treasurer's Report was given by Toni Minton. Two percent requests for Marquette and Baraga counties were due on March 31, 2006. The two percent payments are required under paragraph eight of the Consent Judgment to be paid by May 31, 2006. There have been numerous requests and Toni will meet with former treasurer next week to begin processing the payments after receiving the payment amounts from our Chief Financial officer. Finance meetings began May 1, 2006. Council met with Francis LaPointe, CFO; Gerald Hays, General Manager; David Haataja; John Mantila; and Joan DesRochers regarding the March financial statements of both the Baraga and Marquette Casinos, Lanes & Lounge, Bingo and motels. A May 8th meeting is scheduled with Francis LaPointe, CFO, Sarah Smith and Dawn Richards regarding the financial statements of the Tribe's Programs, Grants and Contracts. Council will also be reviewing the Casino and Tribal Audits on this same date. On May 3, 2006, the Tribe's Retirement Committee, (Susan LaFerner, Francis LaPointe, Jim Nardi, Julie Raby, and Toni Minton) met with Derry Cook of Retirement Plans Solutions and Julie Ricci of Wells Fargo to conduct an investment review of the Tribe's 401K and defined Benefit Plans during the period of April 1, 2005, to March 31, 2006, and December 31, 2004, to December 31, 2005, respectively. Toni states that she is working hard to understand the financial processes of our Tribe to be an effective and accountable Treasurer.

Beverly Lussier appeared before the Council with a request of financial assistances for herself and Peggy Minton to attend the Summer Semester of the Ojibwa Language Immersion Program held in Bay Mills. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to table the request until Monday's Financial meeting, supported by William E. Emery, 6 opposed (Loonsfoot, Blaker, Swartz, Denomie, Minton, M. LaFerner), motion defeated. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve \$1,525 each for Peggy and Beverly to attend the Ojibwa Language Immersion Program for the Summer Semester in Bay Mills, supported by Warren Swartz, four opposed (Shawanung, Emery, Dakota, Mayo), and carried.

Steven Denomie approached the Council with a request for AMA District 16 Motocross sponsorship. Motion by Fred Dakota to approve \$500 to assist Steven Denomie with his motocross sponsorship, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., (Denomie abstaining) and carried.

Tammy Seymour asked the Council to be granted a small boat fishing license on a temporary basis. Motion by Fred Dakota to allow Tammy Seymour to use a small boat to commercial fish until her large boat is repaired with Tammy Seymour to follow the small boat regulations, supported by Shawanung and carried.

Mary Campioni presented the KBIC Substance Abuse Program Policies for approval. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve KBIC Substance Abuse Program Policies (Stopping the Destruction of Records in the event of an Investigation, Records Retention, Weapons storage, Power Outage, On Call Status, Needle Supply, Client File Sign Out, Initial Medical History/Physical Referral Process, Medically referred clients reviews, Computers), supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried.

Doreen Blaker suggested that the summer youth jobs have a mandatory on-the-job training regarding financial skills and living skills. Ms. Blaker spoke strongly of the need to teach our youth these coping skills. It was agreed upon to have the job descriptions reflect a mandatory training requirement of this nature.

Larry Denomie III made a suggestion for government employees to have July 3, 2006, as a holiday and for the July 1, 2006, Council meeting to be moved to July 8, 2006. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo for July 4th and July 5th, to be approved as holidays for government employees, supported by Fred Dakota, five supported (M. LaFerner, Dakota, Matthews, Mayo, Shawanung), five opposed (Swartz, Blaker, Minton, Denomie, Loonsfoot), (Emery abstaining), President LaFerner broke the tie and opposed. Motion by Larry Denomie III for July 3rd and July 4th to be approved as holidays for government employees; and for the July Saturday Council Meeting to be held July 8, 2006, four opposed (Mayo, Dakota, Shawanung, M. LaFerner), and carried.

Heather Wood and Brenda Brunk presented a request for a Dept of Health and Human Services team (to include KBIC Social Services employees) sponsorship in the Relay for Life (a Cancer fundraising event to be held June 23-24). KBIC will be displayed on the Wall of Hope Banner and any other KBIC teams will qualify under the same sponsorship of \$5000. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve a \$5000 sponsorship for the Relay for Life, supported by Larry Denomie III and carried.

Weylin Haataja requested sponsorship for Mud Drags. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$1000 for Weylin Haataja sponsorship in the Mud Drags, supported by Shawanung, (Minton opposed), and carried.

Prior to adjournment, Council went into closed session with John Baker, Doreen Blaker and Susan LaFerner per the agenda.

CERTIFICATE OF RESULTS OF ELECTION

Pursuant to an order issued by Kevin Bearquiver, Acting Midwest Regional Director, on December 30, 2005, this **Proposed Amendment "A"** was submitted to the qualified votes of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community on May 2, 2006, and was duly adopted by a vote of 76 for and 44 against and 0 cast ballots found spoiled or mutilated, in an election in which at least thirty percent of the 281 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian reorganization act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, and the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Act, 25 U.S.C. §1300h-7 (Pub. L. 100-420 as amended by Pub. L. 101-301).

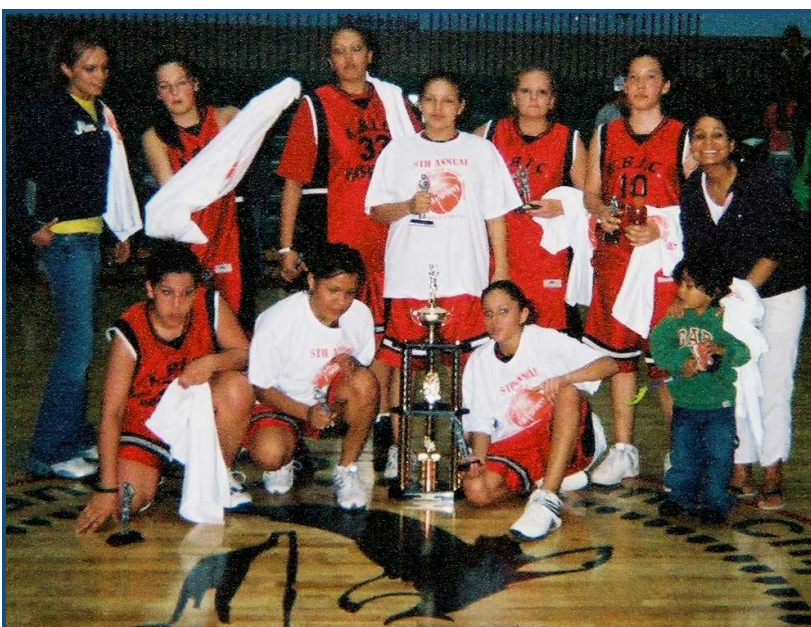
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Jennifer Misegan, Member, Election Board
Larry Denomie III, Member, Election Board
Bob Genschow, Member, Election Board
Kim Klopstein, Member Election Board

KBIC REZ RUNNERS GIRLS RULE

KBIC Rez Runner teams headed south for a weekend tournament, April 22-23, 2006. KBIC registered five teams in the 5th Annual All-Native Basketball Tournament sponsored by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa at the GTB Strongheart Center. Two of our girl's teams (13 & under) and (14-18) took first place. A second girl's team (14-18), boy's team (13 & under), boy's team (14-18), and the two winning girl's teams all played some terrific ball against their competition—the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

Pictures compliments of Jeanne Kauppila and Donald Chosa. Miigwetch.



KBIC Rez Runners Girls Team (ages 14-18): left to right, front—Abby Durant, Taylor Drift, Danika Strong; back—Coach Cheryne LaPointe, Fanchon Picard, Cody Blue, Casey Chosa, Ava Picard, Jackie Jossens, Coach Sheila Ekdahl



KBIC Rez Runners Girls Team (ages 13 & under): left to right, front—Gabrielle Picciano; middle—Dalene Chosa, Tashina Emery, Sierra Ayres, Tiana Drift, Hope Minton, Brook Chaudier; back—Coach Jennifer Misegan, Rebecca Gauthier, Deena Misegan, Jade Chaudier, Shani Shelifoe, Caroline Picard.

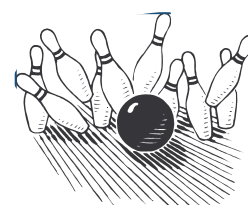
WOMEN'S AWARDS—FRIDAY NIGHT BOWLING

Baraga Women's Bowling League Awards 2005-2006 at Pressbox—May 5, 2006.

Pecky St. George
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Philly Ekdahl
Joanne Racette
Amber Houston

League High Average-194
League High Game-257
League High Series-698
Most improved Bowler-+9.94
Most Improved Bowler-+9.43
75 Pins Above Average

1st Place — The Pines
2nd Place — Superior Pizza
3rd Place — Irene's Pizza
4th Place — Big Bucks Bingo
5th Place — KBOCC
6th Place — KBO



Congratulations to all of our teams. We had a great year. See you in the Fall and invite your friends! Also a big thank you to Dottie and the staff at the Pressbox.

Susan J. LaFerner,
President, Friday Night
Baraga
Women's Bowling League

KBIC Industrial Park Logo Contest Winner Selected



The KBIC Office of Planning & Development has announced the winner for the KBIC Industrial Park Logo Contest. Jennifer DeCota was chosen as the winner for her design for the Industrial Park. Jennifer attends the 8th Grade at L'Anse Middle School. She enjoys basketball, fishing, camping along with drawing which she has been doing since she was a little girl. She resides at home with her mother Lynn Velmer, father Mike DeCota and her siblings Desmond & Jolene DeCota. Her artwork will be featured on pamphlets, business cards and flyers.

Jennifer was presented with a \$100 gift card from Wal-Mart for her talent. Congratulations!

EVERYONE CAN BE A WINNER!

If you are using the calendar STEPS to a Healthy 2006, you're already a winner! Just a reminder – please remember to send in the cards located in the back of the calendar to be eligible to win a prize.

Previous Winners: January – Cheryl Bogda of L'Anse
February – Matt Whetung of Zeba
March – Gayle Britton of Newport News, VA

Congratulations on taking the STEPS to a Healthy 2006!



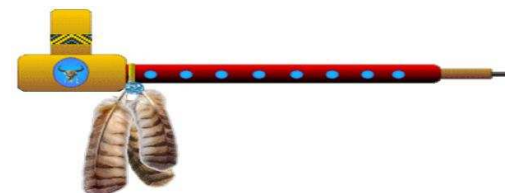
Sherman Completes Training



Matthew Ian Sherman, son of Mark and Catherine Sherman, completed Basic Training for the US Marine Corps on April 21, 2006. Sherman will be returning to Camp Pendleton, San Diego, CA, for further infantry training. He is the grandson of Judith Smith of L'Anse and Elizabeth Matthews of Zeba.

Congratulations to Angela Marie Barbano and Becky Lyn Barbano, daughters of Charles W. Barbano Jr. (granddaughters of Billy Barbano) on their graduation on May 28th, 2006 from the Lafayette High School.

~ Keweenaw Bay Indian
Community



Landowners Ask State Hearing Officer To Halt Kennecott’s Sulfide Mining Application Process Because The Application Is Incomplete.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, together with the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Inc., and the Huron Mountain Club have filed a Petition with the State of Michigan’s Office of Administrative Hearings to stop the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s current review process of the sulfide mining permit application recently filed by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company for permission to conduct sulfide mining in the Yellow Dog Plains located in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.

The Petitioners allege in their petition that the MDEQ wrongfully decided that Kennecott’s application was “administratively complete” and that MDEQ is now considering, and has disseminated to the public, an application that is extremely incomplete because it is missing numerous documents and information that are required by the state sulfide mining statute and rules, thereby making it impossible for the Petitioners, other members of the public, and the MDEQ itself, to properly determine whether the proposed mine can be designed and operated in a way that adequately protects the environment and natural resources in the Yellow Dog Plains.

In addition, the Petitions have requested that the Hearing Officer order the MDEQ not to restart the review process until Kennecott has submitted to the MDEQ and the public all the materials and information required by the Michigan sulfide mining statute and rules.

The Petitioners, all of whom are landowners in the area who would be impacted by the sulfide mining operation, believe that their rights to review and submit comments on the Kennecott mining application have been rendered meaningless due to the fact that application does not include all the documentation and information required by the sulfide mining law and regulations. As a result, the MDEQ is currently considering an application that, in many respects, does not meaningfully address issues that the governing statutes and regulations require be addressed in the application. In addition, because the application is incomplete, the MDEQ will be forced to base its decision on an application that lacks the required documentation and information.

Susan J. LaFerner, President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, said “Historically, the lands that will be affected by the proposed mine site in the Yellow Dog Plains have been used for hunting, fishing, gathering, and traditional and spiritual ceremonies by our people for generations. Our cultural practices and way of life are dependant on the continued use of these lands. Our people have preserved these rights in our homelands through our treaties with the U.S. Government, and we are determined to continue to preserve and protect these rights for the next seven generations. As land owners in the area that will be impacted by the mining operation, the Community and its members are very concerned that the proposal to conduct sulfide mining will adversely affect the natural resources and the environment in this area. With the very short time that has been allowed to the public for its review of the mining permit application and the enormous size of application, over 7,000 pages, we feel the State should have been certain that all the required information was in the permit application before the public invests tremendous amounts of time and money in order to review this application. Unfortunately, that has not happened in this case.”

Cynthia Pryor, Executive Director of the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Inc. said, “This Kennecott mining permit application is so deficient in documenting the baseline conditions and the hydrogeologic assumptions of the Yellow Dog plains, that it is impossible to determine the impacts of this mining operation on adjacent land owned by the Preserve—which is within a mile of the proposed mining operation.”

Huron Mountain Club spokesperson Peter Dykema said, “Kennecott’s very definition of the ‘affected area likely to be impacted by the mine’ dramatically illustrates the incompleteness of the application. Kennecott has

limited its environmental impact analysis to areas within a few hundred yards of the mine site, when it is perfectly obvious that the mine will impact the whole of the Salmon Trout River, and potentially, several other water bodies as well. Kennocott seeks to assure all of us that the mine will not, like all other sulfide mines, poison the environment. But the purported proof is simply not there.”

The 60 page petition that has been filed by the Petitioners states that the application is missing or includes inadequate information on: groundwater and hydrogeologic data, surface water level and discharge rate data, groundwater and surface water quality data, meteorological data, terrestrial flora and fauna data, transportation plans and impacts, among other things. Petitioners believe that the lack of this information should have rendered the application incomplete and that the MDEQ process for considering the application should stop until this information is provided by Kennecott.

Under the Michigan sulfide mining statute and rules, the public, including the Petitioners, have a right to review and comment on an “administratively complete” permit application before MDEQ reaches a proposed decision to grant or deny a mining permit. An “administratively complete” application is defined by the statute as “an application for a mining permit” under the statute that is determined by MDEQ to “contain all of the documents and information required under” the statute and applicable rules. The Petitioners assert in the Petition that the MDEQ has failed to require Kennecott to supply the analyses and data required by the mining statute and implementing regulations. This lack of information deprives the public and the Petitioners of their statutory rights to meaningfully review and comment on the mining permit application.

Susan J. LaFerner, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community—906-353-6623
Cynthia Pryor, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Inc.—906-345-9223
Peter Dykema, Huron Mountain Club

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Leroy R. Gauthier
(May 22, 1945– April 22, 2006)

Leroy R. Gauthier, age 60, of Baraga, died Saturday, April 22, 2006, at his home. He was born May 22, 1945, in Marquette, MI, son to the late George and Rose (Cross) Gauthier. Leroy graduated from Bark River-Harris High School. He was in the US Army during Vietnam. Leroy married Joan Loonsfoot on April 27, 1968, in Chicago. They moved to Baraga in 1977. Leroy worked for Tribal Construction for the past 22 years. He enjoyed spending time with this grandchildren.


Leroy is survived by his wife, Joan of Baraga; son, George Gauthier of Baraga; daughters, Pearl (Dan) Crusan of L’Anse; Joanne (Randy) Carlisle of Marquette; and Brandi Gauthier of Baraga; one brother, Joseph (Kathy) Gauthier of Illinois; three sisters, Gertrude and Gladys Stevens both of Green Bay; Betty Gauthier of Detroit; and 13 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald and Louis Gauthier; and sister Vivian Sommers.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins with Fr. George Maki officiating. The Baraga County Area Veterans conducted a military service prior to the service. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L’Anse assisted the family.

ANNOUNCEMENT —

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will be accepting pre-enrollment applications for the 2006-2007 school year, from April 7, 2006—June 15, 2006. Applications will be mailed to current enrollees and are available at the Tribal Center, Tribal Health Department or by calling the Head Start Center at 524-6626.



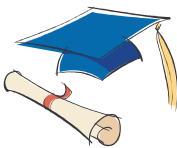
OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S CLASS OF 2006



Nicole Marie Gauthier is the daughter of Fred Gauthier and Gwen Loonsfoot, and significant other of Rob Jacobs. Nicole is the mother of her 23-month old son, Robert Frederick. Nicole has earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. Nicole was the 2004-2005 Outstanding Business Student and has been awarded the Marie Louvilard Scholarship and the Spirit of Sovereignty Scholarship. She is a member of the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). Nicole is currently employed at Krist Oil (Citgo) in L'Anse. Her hobbies include spending time with her son, four-wheeling, snowmobiling and billiards. She is undecided in her future endeavors.



DeAnna Hadden is the daughter of Stephen Hadden and the (late) Alice Jondreau-Hadden. DeAnna has earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She is a member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) and is a student intern. DeAnna is currently employed at J&R Automotive. DeAnn's future plans include an internship this summer at N.A.S.A. in Washington D.C. and to attend Wayne State University in Spring of 2007 to begin working on a degree in Mortuary Science.



Elizabeth Julio is the daughter of Joanne and Pat Racette. She is the mother of two boys, Keegan and Lucas. Liz has earned a Degree in Earth and Environmental Science. This is Liz's second Associate's Degree—she received a Liberal Studies Degree in 2003. Liz was voted as KBOCC's American Indian Student and Engineering Society President (for the past three years) and she is an Advisor of KBOCC's American Indian Business Leaders. Liz is employed by the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College as the Financial Aid Director/Enrollment Officer. Liz's future plans are to continue giving back to the community through employment with KBIC. Liz carries a 3.75 GPA.



Jessica Koski is the daughter of Roy (Beth) Koski II and Cheryl (Mike) Boyd. Jessica has earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She is the President of KBOCC's American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) and the Secretary of KBOCC's American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). Jessica has made the Dean's list through her career at OCC, has been awarded the Mary Louvilard Scholarship and is the 2006 Valedictorian. She is currently employed by OCC as technical and administration support. Jessica is enrolled for the fall semester at MTU and will be pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.



Kelly M. Shelifoe is the daughter of James Chosa and the (late) Margaret Shelifoe. Kelly is the mother of four sons—Shayne, Dustin, Sage and Sawyer, and one daughter, Shantell. Kelly has earned an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. Kelly was awarded the Coca-Cola Scholarship, the Academic Achievement award, the '05 Zhyngadaynahay award and has been on the Dean's list. She is currently employed as the Director at KBIC Daycare and plans to continue working with children and continuing her education. Her hobbies include beading and working with the youth.



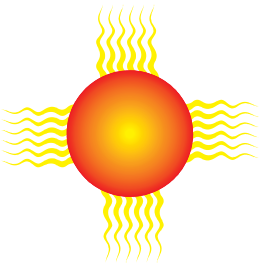
Lifelong Learning, by Penny Olson

People who view formal education As the start and end of learning have no concept of knowledge. Real learning is a cornerstone, the foundation of a lifelong process that begins with birth and continues until the last breath.

Watch a newborn. Not only does the infant learn from people who share their comfort and love, she also becomes their teacher. She teaches her loved ones who she is by her different cries, giggles and coos.

Dual roles of learner and teacher are practiced every day whether we are in school or not. We share with and learn from each other those seven sacred teachings: Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Wisdom, Truth, and Knowledge at home, on the playground and in the classroom.

We might graduate from different Institutes of higher learning, but in no way is graduation ever the end of one journey and the beginning of another. Graduation is the continuation of lifelong learning and The laying of a foundation for all areas of our lives.



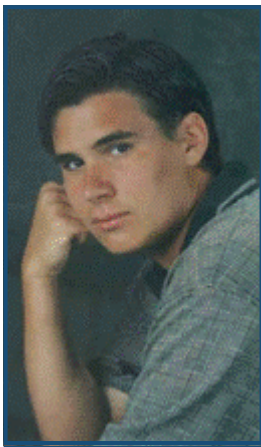
See Honor Awards, page eight.



Micheale "Shellie" Denomie is the daughter of Terri and Mike Denomie. Shellie has earned an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She is currently employed at KBIC Early Head Start and plans to continue teaching at her current position. She plans to work towards a Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education.



Kelsey Mayo is the daughter of Liz Mayo and Glenn Denomie. Kelsey has earned an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. She is currently employed at KBIC Daycare and the Summer Science Camp. Kelsey plans on relocating this summer to either Minnesota or Colorado to pursue a degree in the Vet Tech program.



Shawn R. Froberg has graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa on May 13, 2006. He has earned a Bachelor degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences with a double major in Journalism and English. Shawn has been a recipient of the Opportunity of Iowa scholarship, which is awarded for academic standing. Prior to college, he participated in the Michigan Technological Summer Youth Programs. It was during these classes he explored creative writing and environmental issues, which have been a focus of his past four years of studies. Shawn is the son of Russell and Dawn Froberg of Lindenhurst, IL. and the grandson of the late Victor Froberg and the late Sarah Froberg of Baraga, MI.

KBIC Head Start 2006 Graduation and Children's Powwow



KBIC Tribal Head Start held their 2006 Graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 13, 2006. This year's graduates are: Louis Curtis Jr., Devan Funke, Robert Genschow, Orion Haataja, Lucas Julio, Chloe Lupro, Janna Magnant, Logan Shalifoe, Abbygail Spruce, ZaZa Edwards, Jaycie Forcia, William Genschow, Jessica Wickstrom, William Jondreau, Lucas Kissel, Bradley McEwen, Kayla Paquette, Preston Smith and Cheyenne Welsh. A Children's Powwow "Honoring Our Graduating Class of 2006," was held in conjunction with the ceremony. Host drums were the Woodland Singers and Four Thunders. Bay Mills Pride was the invited drum. Head Youth Female Dancer—Hope Minton, Head Youth Male Dancer—Raistlin Awonohopay, Head Junior Youth Female Dancer—Megan Tucker and Head Youth Male Dancer—Alden Connor Jr. Keweenaw Bay Color Guard was present with Head Veteran Dancer Joe Dowd. Jesse Forcia served as Arena Director and Stanley Spruce as Emcee. The community enjoyed a pleasant day dancing to the beautiful songs from the drums. A community potluck followed the day's events.



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OCC Honors Ceremony Program



Nicole Gauthier was presented the "Zhungadaynahney" award for 2006, which honors the qualities of courage and persistence in overcoming obstacles to the students' educational goals. Recipients are students chosen by the faculty as outstanding examples of bravery, responsibility, diligence, and good spirit. These students persevere in spite of setbacks, encourage fellow students, and show a creative problem-solving approach to the difficulties they encounter. The award was first given in 2005 to Kelly Shelfoe.

Writing Award—Most Improved Writer—Yvette Friisvall and Jessica Koski. Writing Recognition—Completion of Composition Requirement—Robin Chosa, Elizabeth Julio, Kelly Shelfoe, Judy Smith, Jessica Koski, Ashley Nankervis, Yvette Friisvall, Nicole Gauthier, Deanna Hadden and Kit Racette. Environmental Science Intern Service Award—Jessica Koski. Graduating Student Recognition—Environmental Science Graduate—Elizabeth Julio. Fall Semester Environmental Science Achievement Award—Jessica Koski. Spring Semester Environmental Science Achievement Award—Donald Carlson. Business Outstanding Student Award—Nicole Gauthier, Early Childhood Education Award—Micheale Denomie and Kelly Shelfoe. Student of the Year—Gloria Shalfoe. Graduation Honors—Valedictorian—Jessica Koski. Graduation with Honors Recognition—Micheale Denomie, Nicole Gauthier, DeAnna Hadden, Elizabeth Julio, Jessica Koski, Kelsey Mayo and Kelly Shelfoe. Faculty of the Year (chosen by the students)—JoAnne Racette, Penny Olson and Frank Taddeucci.

NOTICE TO ALL PATIENTS OF THE KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT!

The Contract Health Service fund has been depleted for Hospital and Physician Fees, as well as Ambulance Fees. The KBIC Tribal Council has allocated funds to cover these services for KBIC enrolled members during this shortage.

ENROLLED KBIC MEMBERS STILL HAVE COVERAGE UNDER KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL ALLOCATED FUNDS FOR THE ABOVE SERVICES.

Questions or concerns can be directed to Cherie Dakota @ 353-4521. Miigwetch.

NATIVE AMERICAN WORKSHOPS HELD—TV TURNOFF WEEK



Samantha Heath, age 9, makes a choker with the assistance of Stacy Peterson, Americorp Worker.



The Baraga Area Schools held a T.V. Turnoff Week, May 1-5, 2006. Candy Kemppainen, Native American Instructor, provided a Native American Crafts Workshop on May 3, 2006. Students and parents alike had the opportunity to choose from a variety of different projects to work on and take home. The choices included Leather Pouches, Goose Feather Hair Clips, Chokers, Fluff Hair Clips and Beaded Necklaces. Karlene Chosa and Stacy Peterson, Americorp Worker, assisted Candy with the workshop, which was a good opportunity for everyone to come together, make a native craft and have a good time doing so. Deb Williamson, Native American Studies Instructor at OCC, hosted a workshop on powwow dancing. Eric Awonohopay assisted with the evening event. Parents and students had the opportunity to try numerous Native American dance styles.



Ojibwa Community Library—

The KBIC Early Head Start class visited the library on April 20. We had a great time reading books and playing a game with butterfly stickers.

The library will be open 20 hours per week for the summer. The new times are: Monday and Wednesday, 2-7 p.m., Tuesday 11-4, Thursday 10-3 and closed on Friday.

The survey responses were so helpful. When asked about improvements to the library, these were some of the responses: make the library larger, move to the college campus, more Native American books, open on weekends, more local history materials. Responses for what you liked about the library: the Native American collection, computers and internet, helpful staff, welcoming atmosphere, current book selections (fiction) and inter-library loan accessibility. Thank you for taking the time to respond to the survey.

The Tribal Health Department donated many boxes of books from Denise Marth's office collection. I hope to have most of them cataloged by the end of the summer. DESTINY has donated many books, DVD's and Videos on health issues. The library is always so grateful for their donations. A new Native American book we have is *The Orders of the Dreamed*, by George Nelson on Cree and Northern Ojibwa Religion and Myth 1823, a fun book called *Baby Showers* for those hosting showers and then a more serious subject, *Stop Teaching Our Kids to Kill*, by Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. Lt. Col. Grossman was a speaker at Baraga Schools during the "Turn Your TV Off Week."

Left to right: Sandy Britton from Mohawk, Diane La Moth from Mohawk and Corie Hohly from Calumet. These women are faithful patrons of the library. It is a 90 mile round trip that they drive every three weeks. They are all of Native American descent and enjoy the library's Native American collection.



~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Maawanji'iding

July 21-23, 2006

Ojibwa Campground

Baraga, Michigan



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Sunday 12:00 Noon

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PRINCESS CORONATION & HONORED ELDERS

Friday Evening

FRY BREAD CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 11:00 am

VETERAN'S SPECIAL

Saturday evening

YOUTH TWO STEP CHAMPIONSHIP

(up to age 16)
Saturday 4:00 pm

MIDNIGHT TWO STEP CHAMPIONSHIP & DRUM CHALLENGE

(age 17 & over)
Saturday 11:00 pm

HOME DRUMS

Woodland Singers
Four Thunders

FEAST

Saturday 5:00 pm

CEREMONIES AND TEACHINGS

Thursday & Friday, July 20 & 21

LIGHTING OF THE SACRED FIRE

Thursday Morning Day-Break

BLESSING AND FEAST

Thursday 12:00 Noon

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS

Thursday 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

CO-HOST

Buffalo Horse Singers
Morton, Minnesota

HEAD VETERAN DANCER

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& Lac Courte Orielles Ojibway

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibway

Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is soliciting essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as their Princess for 2006-2007.

Eligible young women must be:

- An enrolled KBIC member or eligible for KBIC enrollment
 - 13-18 years old
- A good role model (socially and educationally)
- A dancer (traditional, jingle or fancy shawl)
 - Alcohol and drug free

The essay must be personally written by the candidate and contain each of the following:

- What our culture means to you
- Why you would like to represent the tribe as it's Princess
- What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement)
 - A biography about yourself
 - Your future plans

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number.

Essays will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Submit to Pauline Spruce at the Tribal Center.

Ojibwa Senior Citizens Install New Officers

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens held their elections on May 4, 2006. The Election Board (Shirley Clisch, Shirley McKasey, Margaret Ross) certified the results for the newly elected board members as Lois Bedell, Marilyn Loonsfoot, Beverly Lussier, Barbara Mantila, Sandra Pittsley, and Barbara Swartz, who will serve for the period of May 2006-2008. At their May 10, 2006, meeting

the group elected Beverly Lussier—President, Barbara Swartz—Vice President, Molly Loonsfoot—Secretary, Barbara Mantila—Assistant Secretary, Sandra Pittsley—Treasurer, and Lois Bedell—Assistant Treasurer.

Loretta Hugo has held different board positions throughout the past seven years and chose not to run for a new term this year. The Senior Citizens surprised her with a cake social in honor of her board retirement and for everything she has done for them during her terms.



Jay Loonsfoot presents Loretta Hugo with a gift of appreciate.



(Front-left to right) Lois Bedell, Sandra Pittsley, Barbara Swartz; (Back) Marilyn Loonsfoot, Beverly Lussier, (Barbara Mantila missing from picture)

ADMISSION Age 6 & Over.....\$5 daily or weekend
5 & under.....Free

No Other Discounts or Reimbursements

The Pow Wow Committee will no longer be providing breakfast on Saturday and Sunday Mornings

Free camping at the Ojibwa Campground
Wednesday thru Sunday night
with the purchase of a button

Free Camping Does Not Include the
Marina or Sand Point Areas

Absolutely NO alcohol, drugs, or violence will be tolerated. Security Provided. Not responsible for thefts or accidents. No raffles except those licensed by the KBIC Tribal Council. Pets are not allowed near the dance arena! North American Traders Only...Tribal documentation will be required! Manufactured or carnival toys will NOT be allowed. Call 906-353-6623 for more information.

Community Calendar - JUNE 2006

Fireworks Safety Month

Home Safety Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed in calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.			1	2	3 9 am Tribal Council Meeting
4	5	6 Diabetes Classes 2-4 pm	7	8 Diabetes Classes 2-4 pm	9	10
11	12	13 Diabetes Classes 2-4 pm	14	15 Diabetes Classes 2-4 pm	16	17
18 Happy Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23 Relay for Life	24 Relay for Life
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Country Line Dancing Fitness Class For Women



Join us to get exercise while learning a new dance in a comfortable environment.

Tuesday, June 13, 2006
5:00 p.m.

KBOCC Gymnasium

Registration is required prior to attending class.

If you are interested or for more information contact Heather at the Tribal Health Department at 353-4546.

Sponsored by the Women's Circle Project grant.

Keweenaw Bay Women's Health Circle Project

The Keweenaw Bay Women's Health Circle Project is a one year grant funded project that seeks to improve women's health by expanding health promotions opportunities for women in the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC). The project advisory committee is made up of community members and serves to guide and help develop the program. The aims of the project are to improve women's health by focusing on priority areas such as improved fitness level and nutrition, and helping women set and achieve health goals. A variety of tools will be used to help women achieve their goals including the buddy system/support group, fitness classes, educational gatherings, tracking information, and motivational one on one time with the educator. Watch for more information in future editions of Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag and postings around the community about our upcoming events. If you are interested in participating in this program please contact Heather at 353-4546.

RECRUITING



NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH

AGES 14-17 WHO ARE SEEKING
TEMPORARY SUMMER WORK APPLICATIONS ARE
AVAILABLE AT THE LOCAL SCHOOLS AND
KBIC TRIBAL CENTER

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, June 9, 2006

Mandatory Youth Job Readiness Training
Thursday, May 25, 2006 at 6 p.m. **Mandatory**
OCC Community Center

Summer Youth Job Fair

Tuesday, June 6, 2006
L'Anse Youth: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Baraga Youth: 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm
OCC Community Center

Attendance strongly recommended for job placement consideration!

Summer Youth Work Begins

Monday, June 19, 2006 ORIENTATION 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Tuesday, June 20, 2006 REPORT to job site at 8:00 am



Diabetes Education Classes To Begin

Diabetes Education classes are scheduled to start June 6th. The classes will be held at the KBIC Donald A LaPointe Health Center, from 2pm – 4pm Keeping your blood sugar in control reduces the risks of complications related to diabetes. Control your diabetes, don't let your diabetes control you. **Class Schedule—June 6; June 8; June 13; June 15. To register for classes, please call Deb Arens at 353-4559.**

Is Your Home At Risk?

B.I.A. will be conducting Home Risk Surveys for wild land fires on Trust Lands. For more information contact:

George DeCota,
KBIC Fire Prevention,
524-4142.



Baked White Fish



White Fish fillet
Olive oil
Lemon pepper

Rinse fillet, line cookie sheet with parchment paper, place fillet on cookie sheet, rub olive oil on to fillet, sprinkle with lemon pepper. Bake at 400° for 10 to 15 minutes. When done, fish will easily flake with fork.

~ Submitted by Doreen Blaker



This is the 4th year the KBIC will be involved in the annual Relay for Life. The tribal council has again agreed to be a platinum sponsor. The relay kicks off on Friday, June 23, 2006, at 12:00 noon and ends on Saturday, June 24, 2006, at 12:00 noon. It is a 24 hour event to raise awareness, honor those who have battled cancer, and raise money to help fight cancer.

You can support the KBIC relay team in their fight by making a donation, purchasing luminaries, or by joining the relay walkers. For more information about the Relay for Life or to donate contact a KBIC-DHHS team member or call Heather at 353-4546.

Ojibwa Housing Authority Homeowner Program

Education Stipends: The Ojibwa Housing Authority has funds available to assist **OHA Housing Residents** that are attending college classes, with mileage expenses or child care expenses.

Emergency Assistance: The Emergency Assistance Program is out of funds for this fiscal year.

Down Payment Assistance: The Down Payment Assistance Program is closed due to a lack of funds.

Rehabilitation Program: This program, which provides assistance for home repairs, has an application period each year during the months of January and February. We are now proceeding with the applicants that were approved for assistance this fiscal year.

Homebuyer Information & Training Sessions: These sessions will continue throughout the year. Please contact the Housing Office for the next available sessions and to sign up.

HIP: We are taking applications for Home Repairs under the HIP Program. There are income guidelines for this program. Approval of these applications does not take place until January or February of 2007.

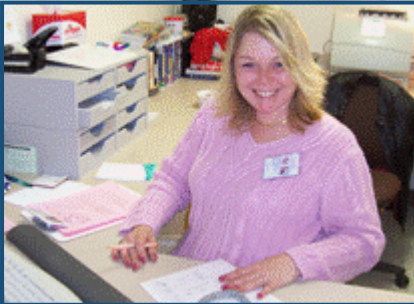
The Homeowner Program is open year round to provide information on other areas that an individual may be interested in looking into for assistance in any of the above areas. We also provide assistance with credit problems, such as reviewing credit reports and steps to take to move past credit issues.

For information on any of the above areas or the Homeowner Program in general, please contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at 524-5514!



NEW HIRES at KBIC

KBIC Medical Receptionist— Nannette Beck



Meet Nannette Beck, who has recently been hired as the receptionist at the KBIC Medical Center. Nannette is a KBIC tribal member, lives in Baraga and is the mother of two daughters (Ashley and Cassidy) and one son (Matthew).

Call Nannette at 353-8700 for assistance with your medical appointments.

Gaming Commission Secretary — Brigitte LaPointe



Hi, my name is Brigitte LaPointe. I recently finished my third year of school at Finlandia University and will be graduating next spring with a degree as a PTA (Physical Therapist Assistant). After that, I plan on continuing my education in the health field at Northern Michigan University. I am also a member of the Finlandia Women's Basketball team.

I am the daughter of Carole LaPointe and currently reside in Baraga. I enjoy working with people and look forward to helping out with the gaming commission.



Vocabulary

Odeminan - strawberries

Mitig - tree

Kitiganing - in the garden

Wewebinaabida - Let's go fishing.

Wigwas - birchbark

Anindi? - Where?

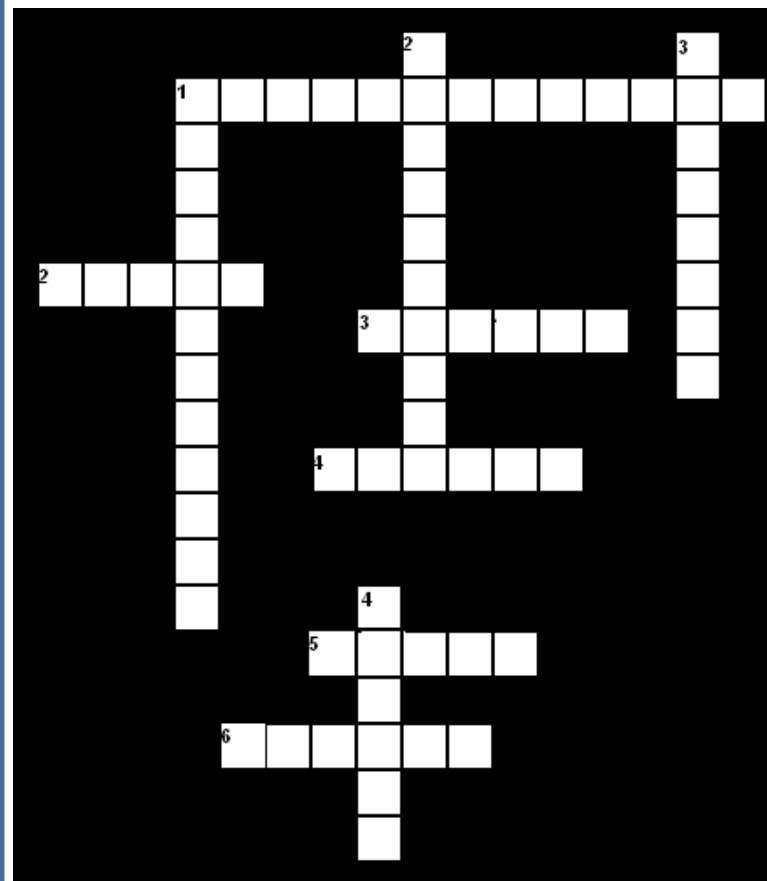
Wigwas jimaan - birchbark canoe

Ogaming - at the lake

Mukak—basket

Zibing - at the river

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS:

1. Let's go fishing.
2. basket.
3. where?
4. birch bark
5. tree
6. at the lake

DOWN:

1. birch bark canoe
2. in the garden
3. strawberries
4. river



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created by:

JoAnne Racette, KBIC
Ojibwa Community
College Native American
Studies Instructor

Summer Youth Program Coordinator — JoDean Rasanen



Meet JoDean Rasanen, who has recently been hired as the Summer Youth Program Coordinator. JoDean is excited to be working for Keweenaw Bay and looks forward to coordinating the Summer Youth Program. JoDean is no stranger to many of our youth, as she is employed throughout the school year in the JOM program at the L'Anse High School.

JoDean lives in Baraga with her husband, Jim, and their children.

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906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140
Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>



Aldon Conner Jr.



Lisa Denomie and
granddaughter Shelby



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2006 Senior Banquet—June 7, 2006



(left to right) Front—Ashley Shalifoe, Melissa Crebessa, Alisha Swartz, Tahala Paquin, Ashley Denomie, Sonya LaFernier, Ava Picard, Fanchon Picard, Back—Ryan DeCota, Mitch Bolo, Paul Ekdahl, Ty Curtis, Jill Roberts, Cody Blue, Daanis Chosa, Robert Swartz, Missing from photo—Jennie Haataja, Tanya Heck and Ashley Soli.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee held their Annual Senior Banquet on Wednesday evening, June 7, 2006, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan. Terri Denomie of the Education Committee welcomed students, their families and guests to an evening celebrating our graduates' success. Vicki Emery of the Education Committee offered the prayer, and a delicious meal was served, catered by Roeper's restaurant. The Guest Speaker, Shirley Brozzo, is the Associate Director of the Multicultural Education and Resource Center at Northern Michigan University. She is a KBIC tribal member who was born and raised in Ironwood, MI, and has lived in the U.P. all her life. In 1987, she earned her Associate's degree from Gogebic Community College and moved to Marquette, where in 1992, she completed a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration. By 1994, she had completed her Master of Arts Degree in English and began her current career at NMU. The following summer, she began teaching for the Center for Native American Studies, where she presently teaches, *The Native American Experience* class as well as a course she created, *Storytelling by Native American Women*. Just this past month, Shirley finished the requirements for a Master of Fine Arts Degree in Creative Writing. Throughout her career, she has published over 30 essays, stories and poems. In addition to working and writing, Shirley stays in close contact with her children Jamie, Brandi and Steven.

Shirley Brozzo offered words of wisdom and hope to the nineteen Keweenaw Bay graduates. She began with a favorite quote from author Danielle Steele. **"Never settle for less than your dreams. Somewhere,**

Tribal Council Members:

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Special points of interest:

- June 3, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- KBIC New Hires
- KBIC Participates at Bridgefest
- Congratulations KBIC Graduates
- Zeba's finest — softball team
- KBIC Youth on the track
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Community Calendar

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Guest Speaker Shirley Brozzo, KBIC member, holds a Master's Degree in Fine Arts.

sometime, someday, somehow, you'll find them. You may not realize it yet, but today, each and every one of you graduates is successful. Simply by completing high school, you have accomplished what many of our Native American sisters and brothers do not do for one reason or another. Each one of you graduates has the chance to make your dreams come true. There are now a multitude of opportunities that are open to you." Ms. Brozzo offered four things to help make sure the graduates meet or exceed their dreams— "Ask questions, find a mentor, accept responsibility for everything you do, and stay balanced.

After I graduated high school, I didn't dream I was going to be a single mother living on welfare, but that was a reality. I did dream of getting married, raising a family and having good food to eat that didn't include commodities. I did dream of writing and getting published. Eventually, I did get married and had three kids. When the baby started Headstart, I started College. I traded babysitting duties with a girlfriend, balanced my homework and the kid's homework, but it was worth it when I walked across that stage at Gogebic Community College with my Associate's Degree. After my marriage failed, I knew I had to do something different, so I moved to attend NMU. I found an on-campus job, met new friends and found a mentor— a marvelous woman who is a professor in the English department and is a friend who I will never forget. With her help, I realized that I did not want to work in the Accounting field that I had studied for four years, but that I wanted to pursue a career in writing. Within two more years, I had a Master's Degree in English writing and a professional position at the University. Six months later, I was teaching an introductory class in Native American Studies. Some of my dreams were being realized. Now I was becoming a mentor to others. Throughout all of this, one very important lesson I learned was to accept responsibility for my actions. Being an adult and accepting adult responsibility is only part of staying in balance in life. I learned that I had to thank the Creator for giving me each new day and for helping me to get where I am today. I give back to my people and others when I teach what I know about my heritage to those who want to learn about our ways. Still I had another dream, and for six years, I was faculty, staff and graduate student as I pursued my Master of Fine Arts Degree, which I completed just last month. I have always dreamed of writing a book and getting it published. I have finished my novel about the survival of our people through four generations of women and have submitted it to the Michigan State University Press where it is being considered for publication in Fall of 2007.

Did I see any of this when I was your age? No. But the world is changing for you young people. It is easier for you to dream and take risks because of the successes of people like Winona LaDuke, Cory Witherhall, Eddie Benton Banai, Louise Erdrich, John Herrington, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, your grandmas and grandpas, your aunts and uncles, older sisters and brothers, and me. Never settle for less than your dreams."

Each of the nineteen graduates received certificates of accomplishments and a gift from the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee, cards and checks from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, presented by President LaFerner, and gifts from the Keweenaw Bay Cultural Committee and the Ojibwa Senior Citizens.

Larry Denomie named Cody Blue the recipient of the 2006 Dawn Louise Denomie Scholarship. The 2006, \$1000 (Baraga) Education Committee Scholarship was awarded to Ty Curtis. A tie occurred for the (L'Anse) 2006



Larry Denomie presents Cody Blue with the Dawn Louise Denomie Scholarship.

Education Committee Scholarship resulting with a \$500 scholarship awarded to Melissa Crebessa and a \$500 scholarship awarded to Jennie Haataja.

Stanley Spruce was available for the family portraits. Congratulations to the 2006 graduates! (See page six for more on the graduates.) Members of the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee—Terri Denomie (President), William Seppanen (Secretary), Larry Denomie, Vicki Emery, Lynn Haataja, Charles Loonsfoot Jr., and Robin Roe. Tribal Education Staff—Amy St. Arnold (Education Director), Peggy

Dunn (L'Anse Tutor) and Helen Jondreau (Baraga Tutor).

JUNE 3, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on June 3, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Invocation—The Lord's Prayer was cited. An Opening Prayer in Ojibwa, provided and lead by Shawanung was cited. **Nii da we maa ga nii dug Ni wii go ji toon da— ojibwa mo yaan Gi chi man ni doo gi gii mii ni goo naan da ojibwa mo yaan Mii iw wen ji bi min zha 'a maan ojibwa mo win Niin a na mi 'aa ga ki na Anishnabe aa dash zag as we 'i we Mi gwetch e wen dan Gwa na chi win noon goom Zha we nim akina Abinooji-yans, oshki ininni, oshki ekwe, Anishnabe inini Anishnabe ekwe, Keweenaw Bay indoogiibaa Naa da ma wi shin gi chi man ni doo Wii doo kaa zo ono Zag as we 'I we ozhi mii naa dash gi ken ji ge I naa ko ni gaa de noom goom Gi chi manidoo saa gii yaa giin Mii'iw Mii Gwetch.** (My relations, I'm trying to speak my language, Ojibwa. The creator gave us the Ojibwa language for this reason. I am chasing, pursuing the Ojibwa language. I pray for all the people and council. I'm thankful for this beautiful day. Bless all our babies, young men, young women, Indian men, Indian women of Keweenaw Bay comes from. Help me creator, help this council to make good and knowledgeable decisions today. The creator loves you. I'm finished. Thanks.)

Susan LaFerner recognized a number of Thank You documents received from the community. In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner stated that she attended a May 3rd meeting with our Retirement Committee, Derry Cook for Retirement Plan Solutions, and Julie Ricci, Wells Fargo Bank on an overview of our 401K plan. She also attended the employee presentation on the 401K plan. President LaFerner attended the Ojibwa Community College's Honor's Ceremony on May 3, 2006. On May 6, 2006, President LaFerner presented the Council Address for the OCC Class of 2006 Commencement Program. On May 9, 2006, President LaFerner met with two Head Start program federal reviewers at the Head Start building and also was able to visit with Head Start staff. On that same evening, she welcomed students and presenters attending a class for Indian Entrepreneurs. This class is provided through our Anishinaabe Anokii

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First People's Work Center. On May 12, 2006, President LaFerner attended the ITC Head Start and Early Head Start Policy Council meeting, where the federal income regulations, policy and service plan updates were reviewed. There will be revised policies, and changes will be implemented for the new year. On May 13, 2006, President LaFerner presented the welcome and opening prayer at the Head Start Graduation for nineteen beautiful children. On May 16, 2006, Mike and Susan LaFerner visited the Pinery Cemetery and received an estimate for the brush cleanup on the sides of the road. Chi miigwetch to the Natural Resources Committee for approving the payment for cleanup, so the cemetery could be ready for Memorial Day. Also thank you to the youth who volunteered in the cemetery cleanups and to all other individuals who assisted in making the Pinery and Assinins Cemeteries nice for Memorial Day. Chi miigwetch to the Baraga American Legion Post 444, our Veteran group, and Rev. Henry for the beautiful Memorial Day Services. On May 22, 2006, President LaFerner met with Ruth Bussey (Health Director), Cherie Dakota (Associate Director), and Attorney John Baker on the Health Department's Compact of Self-Governance between KBIC and Indian Health Service Programs. This compact needs to be renewed for October 1, 2006. On May 23, 2006, President LaFerner met with the Budget group to work on the '07 Budget timeline. On May 24, 2006, Ruth Bussey and President LaFerner traveled to a Bemidji Area IHS Tribal Advisory Board meeting in Prior Lake, Minnesota. They received the '07 Budget, Clinical and National Indian Health Board updates along with Dr. Kathleen Annette's Director Report. On May 25, 2006, they attended the Title I and V IHS Pre-Negotiation Meeting for FY07 Negotiations which Attorney John Baker also attended. On May 30, 2006, President LaFerner and Attorney Baker attended the annual Tribal/State Summit in Hannahville, Michigan. The meeting was attended by the twelve Recognized Tribes in Michigan and Governor Granholm. The Inter-governmental Accord between the Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of Michigan to Expand Joint Economic Development Activities has been signed by nine of the tribes so far, KBIC is currently not one of these signers. President LaFerner gave a statement of our concerns and opposition on mining at this meeting. Chi miigwetch to Matt Shalfoe and Virgil Loonsfoot for presenting our colors and staffs during the opening ceremony, also to Amy St. Arnold for attending the pre-meeting on the tuition waiver concerns, and to Stanley Spruce for taking pictures of the event.

President LaFerner added that at this time that there has not been a decision on the Property Tax Case Appeal which was heard on April 26, 2006, at the 6th Circuit Court in Cincinnati, Ohio. Plans are still moving forward for a meeting in June with our KBIC Service providers to plan for various events/training for our Community, where we hope to begin the work for the Drug Task Force. The Tribal President's office have received letters from interested individuals wishing to be involved with this Task Force. They will be receiving correspondence from President LaFerner shortly regarding a meeting schedule. President LaFerner reminded everyone that the July meeting will be held on July 8, 2006.

Larry Denomie indicated that he did not have a Secretary report this month and would present one next month, regarding the May and June meetings.

Council heard a presentation from the Keweenaw Land Trust by Pat Toczydlowski, who asked for a pledge of support towards the \$181,700 needed to fund the project in 2007. Council tabled any decisions until their meeting June 8, 2006.

Pete Morin requested a donation for the Hometown Hero's Firework Show. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$7000 (same amount as past few years that KBIC donated) for the Hometown Hero's Firework Show, supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., Swartz opposed, and motion carried.

Pete Morin sought a motocross sponsorship for his son, Dylan Morin. Motion by Doreen Blaker to approve a \$500 sponsorship for Dylan Morin,

supported by Michael LaFerner Sr., Swartz and Loonsfoot opposed, and motion carried.

Betty Chavis requested a donation for the Parade of Nations 2006. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$2000 for the Parade of Nations 2006, supported by Toni Minton, Swartz opposed, and motion carried.

Attorney Baker presented to Council a renewal for a business license for Fireworks on behalf of KBIC members Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline. Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr. to approve the renewal of the business license for fireworks for Magnant and Varline, supported by Shawanung, Matthews opposed, and motion carried.

Attorney Baker presented to Council a renewal for a business license for Superior Pizza Food Service on behalf of KBIC members Jerry Magnant and Kerry Varline. Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr., to approve the renewal of the business license for Superior Pizza Food Service, supported by Shawanung, and motion carried.

President LaFerner presented a request from the KB Tribal Police Department for a Taser purchase and presented the Use of Force Policy. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve \$2905 for the purchase of two tasers for the KB Tribal Police Department and to table the Use of Force Policy until it can be revised at a later meeting, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Doreen Blaker presented a request for the Indigenous Basketball Trip. Eight KBIC teenagers will be playing for TEAM MICHIGAN in the Indigenous Basketball Games June 29th-July 11th, 2006, in Denver Colorado. Three chaperones will be traveling with the eight youth. Of the \$8386 needed to fund the event, they have \$4200 available in youth funds and are respectfully requesting the remaining \$4186. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$4186 for the group to travel to the Indigenous Games, supported by William E. Emery, Swartz opposed, Minton abstained, and motion carried.

Doreen Blaker presented a request for modification to government and youth policies 3.6 Security Background Checks. *Juvenile records will not be considered, with the exception of a conviction of the juvenile involving felonies. If an applicant's juvenile record appears in a security background check, the Personnel Director shall black it out with the exception of any felony convictions.* Motion by William E. Emery to amend 3.6 of the government and youth policies to include the paragraph, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. and carried.

John Bussey, Gaming Commissioner, presented a raffle license request for the KBIC Youth Club. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve the KBIC Youth Club raffle license, supported by Elizabeth Matthews and motion carried.

President LaFerner presented a request for a Campaign donation for Congressman Bart Stupak. Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr. to approve the same amount as last year as a Stupak campaign donation, supported by Fred Dakota and motion carried.

A request by the March of Dimes to sponsor the 2nd Annual Testimonial Dinner. Motion by Michael LaFerner Sr. to approve the same amount as last year, supported by Fred Dakota and motion carried.

A request for use of property by the Sports Car Club of America was presented. Motion by Doreen Blaker to allow use of the property (Marquette Airport Property) for the Sports Car Club of America event with a license agreement to be drawn up by the legal department, supported by Warren C. Swartz Jr. and motion carried.

A request by Mary Deline was reviewed in regards to building a fenced-in play yard at the Even Start Center. Motion by Toni Minton to approve the Even Start Playground request, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, and motion carried.

A request for motocross sponsorship by two non-tribal/non-descendants was requested. Motion to deny sponsorship assistance by Warren C. Swartz Jr., supported by Toni Minton, opposed by Shawanung,

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and motion carried. The two individuals will be referred to the enterprise department.

Resolutions KB1466-2006/Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan, KB1467-2006/Cancellation of William Haataja Residential Lease, KB1468-2006/Rodney Loonsfoot Residential Lease, KB1469-2006/Steven J. Loonsfoot Residential Lease, KB1477-2006 SAFETEA-LU Bridge Design Application, KB1478-2006/Mili Acquisition, KB1480-2006/Greg Loonsfoot Recreational Lease were approved by Council. Resolution KB1479-2006/Heinonen Acquisition was tabled.

Department Head reports for April 2006 were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented during closed session with only KBIC members present. Closed session continued with Attorney John Baker and President LaFernier on the agenda.



Summer Safety Picnic

Wednesday, July 12th
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.
Ojibwa Camp Ground Pavilion

Presentation by Dr. Teresa Frankovich, MD

- Childcare will be provided for those who need it during the presentation
- Raffles for Summer Safety Items
- Lunch is Provided

For more information or to register please
contact Angela Kelly at 353-4511 or
Heather Wood at 353-4546.

Sponsored by: Women's Health Circle, Healthy Start, KBIC-CIC Committee



Footsteps In The Forest



Local Hiking Program
A Series of Hikes

Starting June 21st - 6:00 p.m.

We will hike Baraga High School Trail

Location:

Pelkie, Michigan

(We Will Meet At The KBIC Health Dept. Parking Lot)

All Activities Will Take Place At 6:00 p.m.

*In Case Of Rain, Events Will Be Cancelled
If unsure, call 524-5857*

2nd Hike - June 28th / Pinery Ski Trail-

Cemetery Rd, L'Anse

3rd Hike - July 5th Canyon Falls

L'Anse, Michigan

*Wear supportive shoes, hat, & bring a light jacket.
Children under the age of 16, Must be accompanied by an adult!*

Please contact Deb Arens at 353-4559 or Kathleen Mayo at 353-4519 to register

This Health Promotion Activity is Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, and the Women's Health Circle Grant



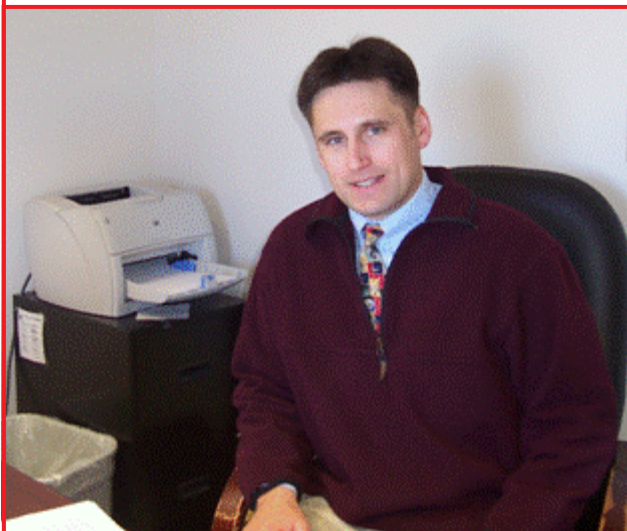
NEW HIRES at KBIC

KBIC Conservation Officer - Anthony Loonsfoot

Meet Anthony Loonsfoot, who has been hired as the new Tribal Conservation Officer. Anthony is 20-years-old and states that "ever since I was in elementary school, I wanted to work in law enforcement." He is currently a student at Northern Michigan University pursuing a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. "In my spare time in the summer, I play in the Baraga County's Men's softball league and the Summer volleyball league in L'Anse. When Winter comes around, I usually hibernate, but I recently picked up snowboarding to help me enjoy the cold snow. I also like to participate in basketball tournaments whenever possible. Most of all I like hanging out with my friends at the beach, the warm weather and cooking out on the grill whenever I can. "



Assistant Tribal Attorney—Joe Mrstik



Meet Joe Mrstik. "Greetings! I am the new Assistant Tribal Attorney. My hometown is Iowa City, Iowa. I have also lived in Moscow, Idaho; Ketchikan, Alaska; and, Tulsa, Oklahoma. I earned my undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa, a master's degree and a law degree from the University of Idaho, and an advanced law degree from the University of

Tulsa. As a lawyer, I have worked for the Alaska Public Defender Agency and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Legal Program. I am pleased to be in the Upper Peninsula, and I look forward to serving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community."

IT Technician—Mike Kimball



Hi, my name is Mike Kimble. I graduated from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Computer Information Systems. I've been married for five years to my wife Pamela, and we have a two year old daughter Alexandra. I enjoy participating in many outdoor activities, as well as, spending time with my family.

I'm excited to be able to provide computer support for the community and look forward to meeting many of you soon.

SUMMER YOUTH SUPERVISORS



Meet KBIC'S Summer Youth Supervisors, who have been busy at work helping Jodene Rasanen, Summer Youth Coordinator, organize the Summer Youth Program. (Left to Right) Sheila Ekdahl, Cheryne LaPointe, and Nancy Voakes.

Sheila Ekdahl is a 21-year-old KBIC Tribal member. Sheila has a four month-old daughter, Dhanya, and a two-year-old son, Dysean. Sheila is the daughter of Doreen Blaker and Everett Ekdahl Sr. She has attended College for two years, majoring in marketing. She is currently deciding whether to return to College to finish her schooling this fall or winter—but will be attending NMU again. Sheila is, "looking forward to a great work experience with the youth."

Cheryne LaPointe is a 20-year-old KBIC Tribal member. She has a eight-month-old son, Easton. Cheryne is the daughter of Carole LaPointe. She will be attending NMU, majoring in Management of Health and Fitness. "I am looking forward to the summer and working with the youth."

Nancy Voakes is a 21-year-old KBIC Tribal member who lives in Zeba with her boyfriend, Brian. Nancy is the daughter of Valerie and Beaver Voakes. Nancy will be entering her fourth year at NMU next semester, majoring in Social Work. She also is a third year Beartown Firefighter. "I love working with the youth and am looking forward to working with summer youth."

Recording Secretary—Peggy Minton



Hello, my name is Peggy Minton. I am the daughter of Beverly Lussier and granddaughter of Evelyn Holappa. I am a Zeba native, although I graduated high school while living in Red Lake, Minnesota. Afterwards, I went to school in Duluth (UMD) for three years and also attended LSSU in the Soo. Currently, I am taking Ojibwe Language Immersion classes at BMCC in Bay Mills.

I have been working for the Keweenaw Bay Tribe for several years, starting back in 1990 as a blackjack dealer in our Casino. Recently, you have probably seen me at the Health Department, where I have been working as the RPMS Data Entry Clerk and Receptionist for the last two and a half years. I will now be taking the position of Recording Secretary up at the Tribal Center.

I have two children, a daughter, Cody C. Blue. and a son, Dante X. Loonsfoot. Cody just graduated from L'Anse High School, and Dante attends our Tribal Early Head Start Program.

I am looking forward to my new job, which will mainly consist of keeping records of the Tribal Council Minutes. If I can be of service to you, please feel free to come and see me. Miigwetch.

The Enrollment Department would like to remind everyone of the current Enrollment Procedure that has been approved by the Enrollment Board. The department encourages all those who believe they may be eligible to stop in or call for an application.

ENROLLMENT PROCEDURE

An application and a family tree chart must be completed along with a copy of a certified birth certificate*. A \$5.00 filing fee is also required. If the applicant is claiming Indian Blood from an established Tribe, a Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) from that Tribe, as well as a letter stating that the applicant is not an enrolled member there is required by the applicant.

Once the Enrollment Department receives the application it will be stamped with the date received. The application will be inspected to insure that all required information has been submitted. The applicant's parents' and grandparents' files will also be reviewed to determine whether or not they are complete.

When an applicant's father is not named on their birth certificate, paternity must be established by a Court of competent jurisdiction and an Order must accompany their application if that father's Indian blood is to be included in the determination of the applicant's blood degree.

If the applicant has been adopted, identifying information is necessary to determine their eligibility. This may include their original birth certificates and Court Orders of Adoption. The Enrollment Department with the consent of the applicant will petition the Court where the adoption took place in to obtain these records. However; this information must remain confidential and will not be disclosed to the applicant.

If the application is missing any documents, the applicant will be sent a letter stating exactly what is needed.

Once the application is complete, the Enrollment Department will evaluate and make a recommendation within 120 days based on the eligibility requirements (see the Constitution and By-Laws of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Article II – Membership) to the Enrollment Board. The Board will then review and make a determination within 30 days.

IMPORTANT: The burden of proof is entirely on an applicant to establish his or her eligibility for enrollment.

*In the unusual event that a certified birth certificate is not available, the applicant may provide the Department with one form of primary documentation and one form of secondary documentation or three additional forms of secondary documentation. Primary documentation may include baptismal certificates, Court Orders of Paternity and Court Orders of Adoption. Secondary documentation may include school records, probate records, marriage certificates and death certificates.

If there are any questions, please call (906) 353-6623, ext. 4111 or 4113.

NOKOMIS LEARNING CENTER

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Okemos, MI 48864-1198 info@nokomis.org
517 349-5777

Nokomis Learning Center, a Native American Educational Center in Okemos, Michigan (www.nokomis.org) seeks full-time Executive Director. Salary + benefits, commensurate with experience.

Qualifications: College degree in relevant discipline, advanced degree preferred. Experience with exhibits, education, programming, non-profit administration and fundraising, retail management, public relations; supervision of interpretive staff; basic bookkeeping and office skills. Must have demonstrated competency in the use of technology such as email, internet and website maintenance. A valid Michigan driver's license is required and familiarity with Anishinaabe language and culture is preferred. This position will report to the Nokomis Board of Directors.

Applications: Due July 7, 2006, position to begin August 1, 2006. Send letter of application and contact information for three references to Dr. JoLee Blackbear, President, Nokomis Board of Directors, 332 Eppler Center, the Eli Broad College of Business, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1121, or electronically to blackbear@bus.msu.edu. Nokomis is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution. Persons with disabilities have the right to request and receive reasonable accommodation.

CONGRATULATIONS — KEWEENAW BAY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



C O D Y BLUE – is the daughter of Peggy Minton and Brad Blue. During her school career, she participated in middle school band, Youth in Government, High Five mentoring and was

a teacher's aid. She has been on the Honor Roll many times and has received awards in psychology and science. Her community involvement included KBIC Youth Club, KBIC Basketball, both playing and coaching. In 2004, she represented the community as Miss Keweenaw Bay. She has been an active participant in many cultural activities and is a jingle dress dancer. Her hobbies include dancing, traveling, sports, drawing and writing. Cody will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall, and her major is undecided at this time. She will choose a career that will enable her to return to this area and benefit the KBIC in any way she can.



MELISSA CREBESSA – is the daughter of Jerry and Sandy Crebessa.

She has had perfect attendance for the 9th and 10th grades, has been consistently on the Honor Roll, was placed in the "Who's Who Among American High School Students" publication, spent two years as a mentor in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, and was a teacher's aid for two years. She played volleyball throughout high school and was the 2004-05 West Pac All-Conference Honorable Mention. She is currently working as a cashier at Pat's Foods. She will be attending Northern Michigan University this fall and plans to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse or a surgeon.



D A A N I S CHOSA – is the daughter of Donald and Karlene Chosa. She was involved in many activities in high school including Youth in Government, basketball, volleyball,

track, Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor, and was elected the student representative for the Title 7 parent committee. Daanis has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years. She played basketball and softball for the KBIC Youth club and was a coach for the younger children. She was also the 2003 KBIC Princess. She plans on attending Northern Michigan University for one or two years and then transferring to Central Michigan University. She will major in Psychology or Pre-law. She would like to work for the KBIC as a Tribal Advocate or Tribal Judge when she graduates from college.



J E N N I E HAATAJA – is the daughter of Randy and Lynn Haataja. Her school activities include Student-Improvement Team, Youth in Government, Track, Varsity and JV Basketball, Band and Pep

Band, Big Brothers/Big Sisters mentor, Figure Skating, Skating Instructor, Prom Committee, Student Council and Spirit and Prom Court. Jennie has achieved Perfect Attendance numerous times and has consistently been on the Honor Roll. She has received a Spanish award, a National Honor Roll award, and Most-Improved Student in Chemistry and Algebra. She is currently working at the Nite Owl Café and has worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for two years. Jennie will be attending Michigan State University in the fall majoring in a medical field.



A V A P I C A R D – is the daughter of Lori Picard and Allen DeCota. Her school activities included being a teacher's aide, a class officer during her 9th and 10th grades, basketball 6-10th grades, volleyball and High Five mentoring. She was

also a member of the KBIC Youth Club, the Rez Runners basketball team and softball team. She has worked at the Ojibwa Casino gift shop and for the tribe's Summer Youth Program. She plans on attending Ojibwa Community College this fall.



F A N C H O N P I C A R D – is the daughter of Rose Picard and James Cote, Jr. Her school activities included High Five Mentoring Program, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Basketball and Track. She has been on

the Honor Roll and achieved perfect attendance. She received a Friends of the Library Art Award and an Aura Art Show award. Her hobbies include beadwork, working with hair and softball. She has worked several years for the KBIC Summer Youth Program and has taken classes at Ojibwa Community College. Her future plans are to study Cosmetology.



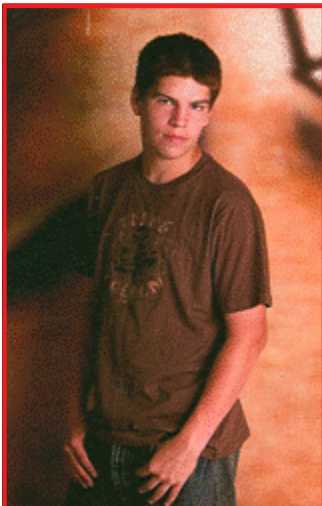
J I L L R O B E R T S – is the daughter of Mary DeCota and John Roberts. She participated in band for two years, was a teacher's aid for two years, and was a mentor in the High Five Mentoring Program. She

was a member of the KBIC Youth Club and also worked for the Summer Youth Program where she enjoyed working at the Day Care Center. She is considering Early Childhood Development as a major and she will be attending Ojibwa Community College this summer.



A S H L E Y S O L I – is the daughter of Michelle St. George and Mark Soli. Her school activities included Yearbook, SADD, Art Club, Youth in Government, Bowling team, F C C L A , teachers Aide,

volunteer for CCISD mentally impaired room, volunteer for Pelkie second grade classroom, High-Five mentoring, and middle school cheerleader. She has also been on the Honor Roll many times and has had perfect attendance. She has worked at Superior Pizza, Crusty's and now at Subway. She will be attending Lake Superior State University this fall majoring in Criminal Justice.



MITCHELL BOLO—is the son of D i a n n e Gougeon of Baraga and D e n n i s Gougeon of O n t o - nagon. Mitch began playing football in the seventh grade and later spent four years on the Varsity

team, two of which he was the team captain. He also participated in golf for four years and ended each season as one of the top five golfers. He has consistently been on the Honor Roll and received an Academic Letter. His hobbies include weightlifting, playing cards, golf, video games and movies. Currently, Mitch works at Eagle Radio and is a co-host of Indigenous Insights. He is currently learning about Ojibwa language, culture and history from Joe Dowd, and he plans to continue learning about his culture at Northern Michigan University this fall. Mitch wishes to remind everyone to tune in on Sunday nights from 7 -9 p.m. to listen to Indigenous Insights.



TY CURTIS – is the son of Helen Jondreau and Robert Curtis Jr. of Baraga. Ty has played football for five years, four of which were on the Varsity team. During his senior year, he received all conference honorable mention. Ty also

became a mentor for the Planned Parenthood grant and was a high school mentor to elementary students. He made his acting debut this year in *Romeo and Juliet* and *Hamlet* Too. He was a member of the Drama Club, was the Title 7 student representative on the parent committee, coached flag football, was on the prom committee and is currently a peer mentor with the Strengthening Families Program. This year he received the Principal's Award and the Robert Maradik Student of the Year 9-12 award. Ty's hobbies include hunting, fishing, four wheeling, video games and weightlifting. This fall, Ty will be attending Northern Michigan University, majoring in Business Management.



P A U L EKDAHL – is the son of Doreen Blaker and Everett E k d a h l , Sr. Paul has played football since the 7th grade. He played varsity football for four years and was the team captain during his senior

year when he was also all-conference linebacker and linebacker of the year for the Great Western Conference. He was selected to the All-U.P. first team Defense and received Honorable Mention All-state. He holds the school record for football tackles. He has also been in track for the discus and shot put. Last year, he made it to the state finals. He coordinated the elementary Flag Football Program. Paul was a mentor for the Planned Parenthood grant and he received an academic letter for his senior year. His hobbies are hunting, fishing, weightlifting and watching any kind of football. His plans are to attend Northern Michigan University this fall.



T A N Y A HECK - is the daughter of Robert and Darlene Duschaine of Baraga and the wife of A b r a m H e c k . Tanya participated in the local history

s m a c k - down for two years. She was on the Prom Committee, was a cheerleader and was on the track team. She was the 2006 Senior Class Secretary. She has worked at the Baraga County Federal Credit Union since 2004. Her hobbies include cooking, gardening, shopping, four-wheeling and cross-country skiing. Tanya will be moving downstate with her husband for employment.



A S H L E Y SHALIFOE— is the daughter of Matt and Nancy Shalifoe of Baraga. While in high school, Ashley was involved with Youth in Government, Drama Club, KBIC Youth Club, Prom Committee and Senior

Slide Show. She also participated in the local history smackdown, and her team won first place this year. She was also dually enrolled at Ojibwa Community College. Her hobbies include spending time with friends and learning more about computers. She plans on attending Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico, majoring in Computer Science, Network and Business Management.

More graduates on page eight.

Summer Series



**It's A Home Run!!!
In Diabetes Education!
Free Ballpark Lunch Included**

**A Series of 3 Lunch & Learns
With topics related to diabetes**

**1st base - June 28th 12-1p.m
Ojibwa Resort**

**2nd base - July 26th 12-1p.m
Lakeside Inn**

**3rd base - August 24th 12-1p.m
Ojibwa Resort**

**To Register For These Lunches, Please
Call 353-4559, 3 Days Prior To The Date**



This Program Is Sponsored by: KBIC Diabetes Program

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KBIC GRADUATES CONTINUED...

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RYAN DECOTA – is the son of Julie Furaiter. In high school, he played basketball and football. He worked for the KBIC Summer Youth Program for three years. He is very interested in art and plans on majoring in Graphic Design at Northern Michigan University.



ASHLEY DENOMIE – is the daughter of Cheryl and Donald Denomie and the granddaughter of Ann and Lawrence Denomie and Myrtle Tolonen. She was employed by the KBIC Summer Youth Program for two years and worked at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Her future plans are to attend Northern Michigan University to study Nursing.



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SONYA LA FERNIER – is the daughter of Melvin LaFernier of L'Anse. She is the mother of two daughters, Makayla and Karalee. Sonya's interests include photography and writing poetry. She is currently employed at the Four Seasons Motel. Sonya would like to continue her education in the field of Nursing.

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TAHALA PAQUIN – is the daughter of Thomas J. Paquin and Pam Loonsfoot of Baraga. While in high school, she was involved in ROTC, Flag Corp. and was on the Honor Roll. Her future plans are to take classes through the Professional Career Institute in Animal Care or to attend Gogebic Community College. She is also seeking employment.

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Meet Nicholas Edward Owens, born May 4, 2006, to Jami and Randy Owens. Nicholas weighed 8 lbs, 7 oz and was 19 3/4 inches in length at birth.



KBIC'S YOUNG WOMEN'S TEAM—ZEBBA'S FINEST



Zebba's Finest—Left to Right, (Front) Casey Chosa, Elle Vassallo, Autumn Mleko, Rachel Cranford, Tashina Emery, Dalene Chosa (Back) Jade Chaudier, Taylor Drift, Devinne Kent, Brittane Gauthier, Fanchon Picard, Jackie Jossens, Ronny Jossens, Tiana Drift, Brittany Heikkinen, Carla Connor, Daanis Chosa, Jessica Picard, Caroline Picard. Danika Strong, Cody Blue, Betsy Ekdahl, Coach Doreen Blaker and Ass't Coach Nancy Kauppila are missing from photo. Each year, Doreen Blaker registers a young girls team in the Baraga County Softball League and teaches them the fundamentals of softball. These girls range from ages 13-18 and enjoy learning how to play as a team. Team managers are Jeanne Kauppila and Colleen Emery. Come out and cheer the girls on - they play double headers on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Call Colleen Emery at 353-6623, ext. "0" for the schedule.



(Above) Fielder Danika Strong lines up for the catch.

(Below) Batter Ronny Jossens positions to drive one out into the field.



(8) Ishwaaswi

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Maawanji'iding

July 21-23, 2006

Ojibwa Campground

Baraga, Michigan



HOST DRUM

Plains Ojibwa Singers
Long Plains, Manitoba

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Friday 7:00 pm
Saturday 12:00 Noon & 7:00 pm
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\$400 honorarium for the first 10 drums registered on site. Smaller honorariums for other drums. Minimum of 5 persons per drum. No drum hopping.

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& HONORED ELDERS

Friday Evening

FRY BREAD CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday 11:00 am

VETERAN'S SPECIAL

Saturday evening

YOUTH TWO STEP CHAMPIONSHIP

(up to age 16)
Saturday 4:00 pm

MIDNIGHT TWO STEP

CHAMPIONSHIP

& DRUM CHALLENGE

(age 17 & over)
Saturday 11:00 pm

HOME DRUMS

Woodland Singers
Four Thunders

FEAST

Saturday 5:00 pm

CEREMONIES AND TEACHINGS

Thursday & Friday, July 20 & 21

LIGHTING OF THE SACRED FIRE
Thursday Morning Day-Break

BLESSING AND FEAST
Thursday 12:00 Noon

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS
Thursday 9:00 am to Noon
Thursday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

CO-HOST

Buffalo Horse Singers
Morton, Minnesota

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Donald Chosa, Jr.
Keweenaw Bay Ojibway

HEAD DANCERS

Lawrence Williams
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Punkin Shanaquett
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& Lac Courte Orielles Ojibway

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Hope Minton
Keweenaw Bay Ojibway

M.C.'S

Ted Holappa
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Eddie Benton-Banai
Lac Courte Orielles Ojibway

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Stan Spruce
Keweenaw Bay Ojibway

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The Pow Wow Committee will no longer be providing
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Free camping at the Ojibwa Campground
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Free Camping Does Not Include the
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Absolutely NO alcohol, drugs, or violence will be tolerated. Security Provided. Not responsible for thefts or accidents. No raffles except those licensed by the KBIC Tribal Council. Pets are not allowed near the dance arena! North American Traders Only...Tribal documentation will be required! Manufactured or carnival toys will NOT be allowed. Call 906-353-6623 for more information.

Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is soliciting essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as their Princess for 2006-2007.

Eligible young women must be:

- An enrolled KBIC member or eligible for KBIC enrollment
 - 13-18 years old
- A good role model (socially and educationally)
- A dancer (traditional, jingle or fancy shawl)
 - Alcohol and drug free

The essay must be personally written by the candidate and contain each of the following:

- What our culture means to you
- Why you would like to represent the tribe as it's Princess
- What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement)
 - A biography about yourself
 - Your future plans

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number.

Essays will be accepted until 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 20, 2006. Submit to Pauline Spruce at the Tribal Center.

ENTREPRENEUR TRAINING CLASS



On May 9, 10, 11 and May 23, 24, 25, the KBIC's Anishinaabe Anokii, in conjunction with the AIEDF (American Indian Economic Development Fund), sponsored an *Entrepreneur Training Class*. Ten students participated in the class, which allows the participants to put together their own complete business plan. This business plan puts them on the road to success in starting their own business. The class included three speakers from the area: Lynn Ketola—local small business owner, Ed Janisse—Marketing Director, and Paul Lampinen—Vice President of Superior National Bank. The speakers educated the class on what it takes to start your own business, marketing/advertising success, and what a banker looks for in a business plan.



(9) Zhaangaswi

Community Calendar - JULY 2006

Fireworks Safety Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.					1
2	3 Tribal Gov't offices—closed	4 Tribal Gov't offices—closed	5	6	7	8 Tribal Council Meeting, 9 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 KBIC POW-WOW	22 KBIC POW-WOW
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Jackson County Fairgrounds, Black River Falls, WI

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16 Team Limit

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\$275.00 Entry Fee

16 Team Limit

First Place

\$3,500.00

Second

\$2,500.00

Third

\$1,500.00

Fourth-Sixth Place Based On Registration

Team Traveling the Furthest Distance

\$500.00

Second Furthest

\$275.00

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TRASH TALK by Dave Firestone

Have you ever seen the ad on TV with an older Native American gentleman, with a tear in his eye, standing in the middle of a mess of litter on the ground around him? Littering to this gentleman is considered disrespectful to our Mother Earth.

The Earth gives us everything we need to exist. To toss trash on her is total disrespect. I see this happening on our reservation, and this practice needs to be stopped. I think people young and old just need to be periodically reminded.

Two examples of littering on the rez — 1) People who throw their wrappers and


cups from Houghton's KFC, D.Q., Pizza Hut, McDonalds, etc... after they turn off of 41 onto the Mission Road. 2) The beaches after the 4th of July are always littered with debris from fireworks.

Whenever I go walking, I always bring one of those small plastic bags you get at the grocery store for any trash I find along the way. I believe one person picking up litter can undo the disrespect done by a hundred thoughtless litterers.


Let this be a reminder to all who throw their garbage, including cigarette butts, out of the car window instead of waiting until they get home and dispose of it properly.

Let's have a pristine reservation, free of trash, like it was a thousand years ago.


KBIC YOUTH IS ON THE TRACK.



#88 Dylan Morin of KBIC, races in the AMA District 16 motocross circuit 125 C class. Dylan has received assistance with sponsorship from KBIC, Morin Fireworks, Snyder Drug and Auto Value.



#69 Steven Denomie of KBIC, races in the AMA District 16 motocross circuit. Denomie races in the 125C class as well as the Sportsman B/C class—and has received three trophies so far this year, placing within the top ten in both divisions. Steven has received sponsorship assistance from KBIC, Snowblind Powersports, Selkey's, Superior Pizza, Gateway, Bay Auto, Kissel's, and Bayshore BP.



#269 Steve Geroux of KBIC, races in the AMA District 16 motocross circuit 250 C class. Steve has received assistance with sponsorship from KBIC, Superior Pizza, Selkey's, Baraga Legion, Gateway and Geroux Forest Products. Geroux has taken home two trophies so far this year, placing within the top ten in his division.

KBIC PARTICIPATES AT BRIDGEFEST 2006



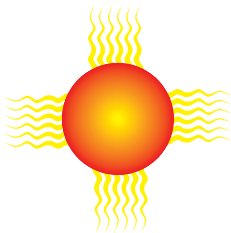
Four Thunders Drum and KBIC dancers participated in KBIC's float on Friday evening, June 16, 2006, in the Bridgefest Parade. Houghton/Hancock celebrates the lift-bridge annually in a celebration known as Bridgefest. The extreme heat did not stop our eight dancers who danced the two mile walk through Hancock and Houghton.



OJIBWEMOWIN
Abita Niibini Giizis
Midsummer Moon - July

Vocabulary

- Niibin - it is summer
- Mino giijigad - it's a nice day
- Abawaa magad - it's warm
- Gijate magad - it's hot out
- Mijikwad - there is a clear sky
- Dakaa magad - it's cool
- Pangi gimiwan - it's raining a bit
- Gitchi gimiwan - it rains hard
- Bangishimo giizis - the sun sets
- Mooka'am giizis - the sun rise



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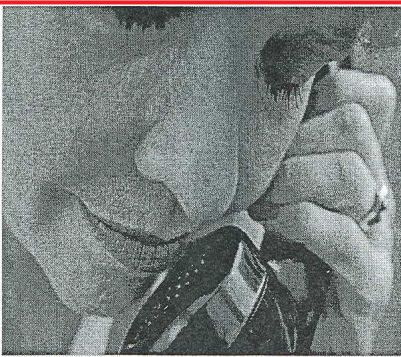
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KBIC Personnel Department
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Or visit <http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

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All You Need To Know About The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
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FEDERAL APPEALS COURT RULES KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN RESERVATION PROPERTY IS NOT SUBJECT TO STATE PROPERTY TAX

On June 26, 2006, a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed a federal district court decision that the Michigan General Property Tax Act is not enforceable against land owned by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community or its members within the boundaries of the L'Anse Indian Reservation in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The decision is the latest victory for the Community and its members in a federal lawsuit that was first filed in 2003.

"The Sixth Circuit's decision thoroughly justifies the Community's long-held position that the 1854 Treaty and general principles of tribal sovereignty absolutely forbid the state from imposing property taxes on our Reservation lands, regardless of the title by which they are held," said Susan LaFerner, President of the Community's Tribal Council. "We are gratified that now two separate federal courts, the United States Federal District Court and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and the State of Michigan Tax Tribunal have upheld the Community's legal position on this property tax issue."

The federal appeals court, by affirming the decision of the federal district court, held that enforcement of the Michigan property tax against lands owned by the Community and tribal members within the L'Anse Reservation was unlawful because it violated the 1854 Treaty between the United States and Community, which created the L'Anse Reservation as a permanent home for the members of the

Community. After evaluating the language, history, and context of the 1854 Treaty, the court held that Article 11 of the Treaty precludes involuntary taking of Indian-owned lands within the Reservation, whether by tax sales or otherwise, and therefore, the Treaty prevents state taxation of such lands. In so holding, the court agreed with the district court that "It defies logic to believe that the Indians would have signed a treaty ceding over seven million acres to the United States, knowing that they could lose the land they kept as reservation the following year, due to non-payment of taxes."

The appeals court also held that the Michigan property tax could not be enforced against lands owned by the Community or its members within the Reservation because Congress has not enacted a statute that made the Indian-owned lands within the Reservation either alienable or taxable. The court cited the federal common law rule that Indian-owned property within an Indian reservation is not subject to state taxation unless Congress has clearly and expressly authorized such taxation by statute. The court held that the 1854 Treaty, under which the Reservation lands had been allotted and made alienable, was not an act of Congress and did not authorize taxation of Indian-owned Reservation lands. Accordingly, the court held that Indian-owned lands within the Reservation were not subject to Michigan property tax under federal common law.

MDEQ ORDERED TO STOP PROCESSING KENNECOTT PERMIT APPLICATION

Groups allege Kennecott Mining Application Was Incomplete.

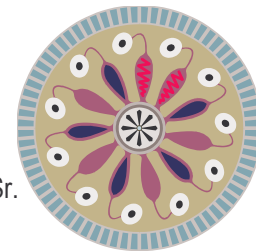
Judge Paula J.M. Manderfield of the Ingham County Circuit Court in Lansing has ordered the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to halt all work on a mining permit application for the Kennecott Eagle sulfide mining project in Marquette County, Michigan, until after an administrative law judge determines whether the application is complete enough for MDEQ to proceed.

This decision came as a result of an appeal filed last month by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, four tribal members of the Community, the Huron Mountain Club and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Inc. (the Petitioners). The appeal was from a decision by the State Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules (SOAHR) that denied the petitioners' challenge to MDEQ's determination that the permit application submitted by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company last February was complete.

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Tribal Council Members:

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Toni Minton, Treasurer
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Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- **July 8, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting**
- **Taser Training—KBIC Police & Conservation Officers**
- **Kid's Fishing Derby**
- **KBIC at 'Relay for Life'**
- **KBIC Summer Sports**
- **Brittany Maki Lumberjack Queen**
- **Talent Show at Ojibwa Seniors**
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Kennecott filed for a sulfide mining permit under a Michigan mining statute recently adopted by the Michigan legislature to regulate sulfide mining in the state. Kennecott's Eagle Project is the first sulfide mine for which a permit has been sought in the State of Michigan and would be located beneath the Salmon Trout River—recently recognized as one of the nation's top ten endangered rivers by American Rivers, a Washington D.C. non-profit organization. The proposed mining site is also within the Yellow Dog Plains and the Escanaba River State Forest, where the United States Fish & Wildlife Service has recently confirmed the presence of the Kirtland's warbler, an endangered songbird protected under federal and state endangered species laws.

The Petitioners filed an administrative challenge in early May with SOAHR to compel the MDEQ to require Kennecott to submit additional information necessary to make the application complete and to make that complete application available for public review and comment before proceeding any further on the permit application, as required by the statute and regulations. That administrative action was dismissed by the SOAHR administrative law judge, who ruled that the

Petitioners would have to wait until the MDEQ makes its final decision on Kennecott's permit application before bringing any challenges.

The Petitioners appealed to the Ingham County Circuit Court, where Judge Manderfield ordered SOAHR to hold a formal hearing to determine whether Kennecott's permit application is complete and ordered MDEQ to halt any further processing of the application until the issue of completeness of the application is decided.

The President of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Susan J. LaFerner, said, "We are pleased that our appeal will result in a closer examination of the Kennecott Mining Permit Application by the State Administrative Law Judge. It is unfortunate that the DEQ has been reviewing and has disseminated to the public for its review, an incomplete application that is missing information required by the state's Sulfide Mining statute and rules. A full and complete application is needed to properly determine whether the proposed mine can be designed and operated in a way that adequately protects the environment and natural resources of the Yellow Dog Plains."

JULY 8, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on July 8, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung and the Lord's Prayer was cited. Numerous Thank You documents were reviewed by the Council and shared with the individuals in attendance.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner stated that on June 7, 2006, she attended the Senior Banquet in honor of our graduating L'Anse and Baraga students sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Education Committee. She presented each Senior with a monetary gift on behalf of the tribe. Thank you to the Education Committee, Tribal Education staff and all the school staff for many years of great service to our students and the Community. June 9, 2006, President LaFerner and Councilman Mike LaFerner attended Mr. Greg Griswold's Retirement Luncheon in Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and presented him with a gift. He was the district engineer for many years for the Rhinelander IHS office. Congratulations to Ed Janisse and the staff at our WCUP 105.7 Eagle Country Radio station. They celebrated their five-year anniversary on June 15, 2006. On June 16, 2006, President LaFerner attended the "Children's Indoor Play Center" Open House in Baraga and congratulated Debbie Parrish and staff for a wonderful long time project becoming a reality. It is a place where children of all abilities can play, learn and grow together. On June 21, 2006, a group met with Mr. Jeff Davis, Assistant U.S. Attorney-Indian Country Liaison, to review the notice of intent to submit an application/letter for the proposed "Weed & Seed Grant Program," and if funded, will help with the proposed events/training for our Community that our KBIC Service Providers plan on offering. This service provider meeting is now being planned for July 26, 2006. The Drug Task Force will be invited to attend. On June 23, 2006, President LaFerner attended a meeting with the Head Start Committee to begin initial screening of applicants for the upcoming Head Start school year. There are 105 applications, and this task has not been finalized yet. President LaFerner stated she had received the official Certificate of Results of Election, Amendment Number II and the Certificate of Approval to change Article IV, Section 6 of our Constitution to allow eighteen-year-olds to vote in the district in which he or she resides.

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In the Secretary's Report, Larry Denomie reported the May and June Council actions as follows: approved new gaming licenses; approved probationary licenses and transfers; denied gaming license R0031; temporarily revoked a gaming license for cause; revoked gaming license #E0035; gave a one-year probation period on gaming license #R0049; authorized the President to sign employment agreements with Richard Tuisku and Joe Mrstik, and the special counsel contract amendment with Stetson and Jordan; approved the Community Health Director wage at \$21.68; approved the Recording Secretary job description and to post; approved \$16,182.04 for the Cultural Center renovations; denied Resolution KB1463-2006—a commercial lease for Kerry Picciano and Jody Pittsley and to have a different location found; approved Resolution KB1470-2006 ICDBG grant application re-direction; approved Resolution KB1472-2006—the Child and Youth Health Initiative Program; approved Resolution KB1473-2006—COPS Grant; approved Resolution KB1474-2006 and KB1475-2006 for the 2% distributions; approved Resolution KB1476-2006 for E&M bonding; approved Resolution KB1479-2006 for the Heinonen Property; approved Resolution KB1484-2006 Indian Health Service Grant Application under ITC; approved Resolution KB1486-2006 Fireworks Resolution with changes; approved Resolution KB1487-2006 Bill of Sale for the OHA; approved \$3600 for 36 Quikets Licenses; approved \$2,352.50 for ten slot machine base cabinets with reimbursement to come later; approved the design of tickets for the new on-line ticket system; approved a dual license of the Slot Manager; approved the transfer of the current TGRA# from its current coupons to coupons that will be produced electronically by the Oasis system; denied the request from the Ottawa Sportsmen's Club for its Junior Pistol team; approved filling the vacancies on the 2006 committees; approved changes to the WICS and additions as presented by the CFO; approved having any business the KBIC licenses to install a swipe card system; approved the BIA CTGP allocations for FY 2006 budget; approved \$500 for the NCAI conference in Mid-June being held in Sault Ste. Marie; approved an amendment for a previous motion for the CTBG to include the additional \$268; approved renewal of Tim Mayo's All Purpose Drywall license; approved modification to KBO License to include Keri Varline; approved contracts for Dale Schmeisser; approved amendment for RB and Mortenson contract; approved \$500 for the Girl's Softball Team; approved \$900 for the Swartz family emergency request for rooms; approved application to HUD for the Imminent Threat monies; approved a bid of \$16,400 to Penokie Electric for a generator; denied \$1230 for a Golf Team outing; approved \$54 for the girls and \$69 for the boys for the same request (Golf Team outing); approved \$500 for the Houghton High School Class of 2006; denied approving the Intergovernmental Accord to "Expand Joint Economic Development"; approved the use of two blackjack tables for the Baraga High School Bash party on May 26, 2006; approved payment of baseball fees for six youth; made a request that the Youth Committee look at establishing a youth line for Marquette, Chassel and Houghton youth; approved \$123,800 for the Tribal Health Fund; approved the business license for the Four Seasons Inn; approved the Lease Agreement for the Hancock Sales office (radio station) pending attorney review; approved a budget modification for the radio station for the Friday Rock Concert with Jackel for \$18,500; approved the Tribal Mental Health Budget with Tribal Support of \$34,191; approved a donation to Legion Post 444 of \$10,000 for

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the Tribal Court case to be paid back if the case is won; denied Roger Bodga's visitor permit request; denied a request to Suzie Jondreau, Tabitha Miller and Deanna Had-den as they are receiving a stipend to tour NASA; approved the President to sign the Green Path Agreement; approved Morin Fireworks license for one year at \$125 and amended the fireworks resolution; approved the Hannahville Indian Community WIC Program with KBIC; approved having all KBIC governmental employees to work eight hour days with the exception of Tribal Police, Tribal Construction, Maintenance and Dental staff (due to the Dentist Contract being effective at the end of this pay period of June 11, 2006); approved purchasing two tasers and additions to the manual of operations 109.005 under section c1; approved amendment #1-2006 of the Gaming Commission Regulatory Ordinance effective October 1, 2006; approved the 2007-SDS list with the top four priorities as listed; approved \$18,901 for a police K-9 unit and the policy and procedure for the same; approved \$500 for Steve Geroux moto-cross sponsorship; approved the same amount given in 2005 for the Baraga Kid's Day event; approved the Slot ticket rules language addition as presented by Slot Man-ager; approved \$1,000 for the MIDE Ceremonies in Mille Lacs; approved \$500 for the Iron Mountain Detachment Bronze Plaque; approved the letter of intent for the UP Area Agency on Aging Grant and authorized the President to sign; approved submit-ting a letter of intent for the Weed & Seed Strategy Program; approved the 2006 In-dian Housing Plan; approved \$1,000, use of ten picnic tables and the little school bus for the 107th Engineer Picnic on July 8, 2006; approved an additional \$20,000 for the Walleye Pond with the USDA funds per the letter dated June 15, 2006; approved making a commitment of the Keweenaw Land Trust pending their application for \$5,000 cash and \$1,000 of in-kind services from the National Resources Department from next year's budget; approved \$500 for the Eagles Women's Fishing Tournament; approved Genevieve Corbett's request for \$700; approved \$250 for the David Le-Claire Benefit Potluck Luncheon; approved \$500 for Bay Cliff; approved transfer of leave from other employees to RD Curtis for the total of 284 hours; approved renewal of Konami Gaming, Inc. vendor license; approved the promotion of Angela Kelly to the position of RPMS Data Entry Clerk/Receptionist; approved Fireworks license for James Welsh; approved a renewal business license for TLC Unlimited for one year (January 2006-January 2007) at \$125 with inspections; approved redistributing Lake Trout tags to those fishermen who have picked up their licenses; approved the MOU between the EPA Region Five and KBIC; approved \$165 for the girl's softball team; approved \$23,575 to North Star Builders for the New Day kitchen renovation; ap-proved \$7,290 to Drift Roofing Company for the Tribal Court renovation; approved amending the emergency funding guidelines to include braces for teeth, effective June 26, 2006, and to be per individual; approved a raffle license for the KB Hockey Association; authorized the President to sign the license agreement between the SCCA and the KBIC with any non-substantive changes; approved the Fortune Card Royal Match 21 game for the Marquette Casino; and approved the Police Chief job description and to post it in-house.

William Jondreau, President of the Baraga County Little League, presented a request for a monetary contribution for the local league. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve \$1000 for the Baraga County Little League Association, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., motion carried.

William Jondreau, Head Start Parent Committee member, gave an update on the Head Start application procedures for this year. Terri Denomie, Director of Head Start, was also present. There are 105 applicants for this school year. A discussion on policies for the application processing occurred—who gets the services? What is the eligibility guidelines that the Council wishes to have the program administer? Mo-tion by Elizabeth Mayo to table the service guidelines until a special meeting on Fri-day, July 14, 2006, and that more information is to be made available (written motions from other tribes), supported by Larry Denomie; opposed by Minton, Loonsfoot, Swartz, and motion carried.

Clayton Ekdahl, Manager of KBIC Tire, and Patrick Horn of Hunter Engineering, presented on a Front End Alignment System. Ekdahl is seeking additional ways to generate more revenue for the Community and is requesting the tribe to purchase a Front End Alignment System. This system will be housed in the blue pole building right next to KBIC Tire (currently storing tribal cleaning supplies). He offers an alter-native location (back section of KBIC Tire building) to store these supplies. If ap-proval is granted, a full time employee will be hired immediately. Training will occur, which was included in the bid. A discussion occurred regarding profit/loss statements. Ekdahl would like to expand to add service for oil changes and fixing brakes. Motion by Mike LaFerner Sr. for KBIC Tire and Tire Flatproofing to purchase a front-end alignment system for approximately \$79,000 and for it to be housed in the blue pole building right next door to KBIC Tire, supported by Fred Dakota, motion carried.

A request by Mary DeLine of KBIC Even Start for approval of a larger play-ground than previously requested. Collaboration with the KBOCC Indoor Play Center has been made to build a bigger play yard located between the Even Start Center and the KBOCC Library. It will provide a fenced-in 280 linear feet playground containing stationary toys and will be divided into two sections, one side for younger children and the other for older children. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve a 280 linear feet playground for Even Start and KBOCC to use, supported by Toni Minton, Swartz abstained, motion carried.

John Bussey, Executive Director Gaming Commission, presented a raffle request for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve the license for the 50/50 Ojibwa Senior Citizens raffle, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr, motioned carried.

Mr. Bussey also presented Resolution KB1488-2006 TICS Revision for ap-proval. On May 11, 2006, the National Indian Gaming Commission published a final rule on revisions to the Minimum Internal Control Standards 25 CFR Part 524. This is the third set of revisions to the Minimum Internal Control Standards. The first was approved by the Tribal Council under Resolution KB1412-2005 on June 30, 2005. The second was approved by the Tribal Council under Resolu-tion KB1435-2005 on October 4, 2005. The publication in the federal register requires that Tribes amend their TICS no later than July 10, 2006, and that Tribes amend their WICS no later than September 8, 2006. Motion by Toni Minton to approve Resolution KB1488-2006 TICS Revision, supported by Eliza-beth Matthews, motion carried.

A request to approve Resolution KB1489-2006 Title IV B—Child Welfare Service Grant for FY2007, was received from Judy Heath, Director of Tribal So-cial Services. This grant has financially assisted numerous families in times of need for ten years. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve Resolution KB1489-2006, FY2007 Child Welfare Service Grant, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., motion carried.

A request to approve Resolution KB1490-2006 KBIC Senior Assistance Pro-gram, was submitted by President LaFerner. Motion by Gary Loonsfoot Sr. to approve Resolution KB1489-2006, supported by Larry Denomie, motion carried.

The Powwow Committee has made a request for four deer tags for meals and feasts during the powwow. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo for to make four deer tags available for the Powwow Committee's hunter (Paul Halverson), supported by Fred Dakota, motion carried.

A request of sponsorship in stock car racing by James Lahti was received. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve \$1000 sponsorship for James Lahti stock car racing, supported by Shawanung, motion carried.

President LaFerner presented IHS Amendment #3 to the MOA for Water/ Sewer. This amendment proposes to provide sanitation facilities for an addi-tional three homes on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. Motion by William E. Emery to approve the IHS Amendment, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Swartz abstained, motion carried.

President LaFerner presented a request by the Cedar Tree Institute regard-ing the Manoomin Project. The project is in its final phase and they are schedul-ing their final planting year. KBIC has helped plant 1300 lbs of wild rice seed in 2004 and 2005, in seven different wetlands and streams in this partnership. They are suggesting a contribution of \$2100, which will cover the cost of seed and travel expenses for this years planting. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to ap-prove \$2100 for the Cedar Tree Institute Manoomin Project seeding and travel expenses and to check if there are any National Resource Funds that could as-sist with these financial costs, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., motion carried.

President LaFerner presented Personnel Policy Revisions: 2.4C Classifica-tion of employees (temporary); 10.1 Annual Leave, 11.0 Sick Leave. These re-visions reflect how years of services are determined. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve policy revisions in 2.4C Classification of Employees (Temporary); 10.0 Years of Service; 10.1 Annual Leave; and 11.0 Sick Leave, supported by Toni Minton, and carried.

Sarah Smith presented bids for the renovation of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Building. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to approve the bid by Hitch Inc., in the amount of \$38,000, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., Swartz opposed, motion carried.

Department Head reports for May 2006 were approved prior to closed ses-sion with Attorney Christoph Geiger and President LaFerner on the agenda.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



KRISTINE M A R I E MAKI is the daughter of Kerri and Edward Maki, and is of the ginew clan. Kristine graduated from Houghton

High School and is currently attending Ojibwa Community College; she plans to transfer to LSSU at a later date. She currently is employed at the KBOCC Indoor Play Center in Baraga and plans to continue her education with children. Kristine's goal is to become a teacher.



Danielle Arens is the daughter of Robert and Deborah Arens. Danielle graduated with honors from Hancock High School,

May 28, 2006. She is a member of the National Honor Society. Danielle was active in ROTC in her Sophomore and Junior year. She is employed at Shopko and as a nurse's aide at the HCMCF. Her plans are to attend MTU this fall, majoring in Biomedical Engineering.

Illegal Dumping Continued Information Request



KBIC Natural Resource Department staff continue to gather information on illegal dumping within the Reservation boundaries. Illegal dumps, in addition to being an eyesore, can contribute to groundwater, surface water, and soil contamination. Some dumps may contain materials considered hazardous to human health. One of the many goals of the Natural Resource Department is to cleanup illegal dumps within the Reservation boundaries, and we have recently conducted some

cleanup activities. If you are aware of the location of an illegal dump, please contact either Char Beesley (524-5757 x14) or Todd Warner (524-5757 x13) at the KBIC Natural Resource Department.

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TRIBAL OFFICERS RECEIVE TASER TRAINING

On July 1, 2006, ten officers of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police and Conservation Departments received training in the state of the art, non-lethal Taser X26 electronic stun device.

The Taser fires two small needle like probes into the clothing or skin of the perpetrator who is non-compliant with officers who are attempting to arrest them.

The X26 Taser, another form of non-lethal weapon, sends a high voltage, low amp electrical charge through the perpetrator's body, which immobilizes the central nervous system and allows officers to restrain the perpetrator without risk of injury to a non-compliant individual or the arresting officer.

There is a five second charge of 50,000 volts that races through the body causing them to completely lose control of their muscles, and then they usually fall to the ground. The charge will not flow to another body, even if there is a hostage being held by the suspect.

The newly acquired device will allow the arresting officers to safely approach and restrain any individual who has become a threat to the safety of others.

For the officers to feel the total effect of the X26 Taser, all of the officers had to experience the effects of the Taser gun, before they were allowed to carry it on duty. The training was held at the Ojibwa Community College and was taught by KBTP Sgt. Duane Misegan, who is a certified X26 Taser Instructor as he had received his training at NMU in Marquette.



Above—Sgt. Dale Dakota operates the Taser on Officer Irvin Smith who is supported by Officer Jennifer St. George and Conservation Officer Tony Loonsfoot.

The class consisted of four hours, power point presentation, handout material, policies and procedures, history, etc. It was followed by a written test. After the successful completion of that test, the officers were then brought to the Ojibwa Community gym. From there, they were shot with the weapon, which consisted of a five second charge. All attending tribal officers have been certified to use this device in their official duties, while on duty.

The shock of the X26 ends as quickly as it was applied. There was no long lasting lingering effects, except for the five second charge that had just been applied, which no one would forget. To most of

the police and conservation officers, it was the longest five seconds of their lives.

The Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police and Conservation Departments now join the area law enforcement jurisdictions who now have and use the X26 Taser, a non-lethal device. It is another tool for use in their official duties.

The following agencies have them and have all been certified in its use—Baraga County Sheriff Department, L'Anse Village Police Department and the Baraga Village Police Department.

"We hope that they (Police and Conservation Officers) never have to use this device, but it is there, not only to safe guard the safety of the perpetrator and others, but for the safety of the responding officers. It will in my opinion, definitely alleviate any potential problem that may arise, regarding any unruly behavior," stated KBTP Captain William Seppanen Jr.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Martina Rodriguez

(December 11, 1923 - June 14, 2006)

Martina Rodriguez, 82, died Wednesday, June 14, 2006, surrounded by her family at St. Mary's Hospital. She was preceded in death by her husband, Pedro Rodriguez; parents, Henry and Emma Loonsfoot; daughter, Karen Marie Hugo; son, Kenny Hugo; brothers, Robert and Henry Loonsfoot; sisters, Genevieve Corbett, Alice Carlson and Lucille Morro.

Martina is survived by brothers, Anthony Loonsfoot of Spokane, WA, Edmond (Betty) Loonsfoot of Nixa, MO; grandchildren, Charles (Olivia) Loonsfoot, Melissa (Paul) Koepp, Vincent, Rodney and Andrew Loonsfoot; 13 great-grandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, June 24, 2006, in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins with Rev. George Maki officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family.



Gloria R. Bressette

(February 5, 1936 - May 11, 2006)

Gloria R. Bressette formerly of Baraga, died on May 11, 2006. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth. A private memorial was held in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Homebuyer Information Session—

The Ojibwa Housing Authority will be holding a Homebuyer Information Session on Wednesday, August 2, 2006, from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga. Professionals from a variety of lending agencies will provide information on services that they offer.



Homebuyer Training Session—

On Wednesday, August 9, 2006, a Homebuyer Training Session will be held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens in Baraga from 6 pm to 9 pm. Several areas involved with the homebuying process will be covered.

To sign up for the sessions, please contact Christine LaPointe or Natalie Mleko at 524-5514!

CONGRESS PASSES A LAW TO PREVENT CONTINUED FRACTIONALIZATION OF ALLOTMENTS

TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO OWN ALLOTMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO HAVE WILLS.

The American Indian Probate Reform Act was passed by Congress in late 2004, ("Indian Probate Reform Law"). The Indian Probate Reform Law became effective on June 20, 2006, and applies to federal allotments created under federal statutes and treaties between Indian tribes and the federal government, such as the 1854 Treaty between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the United States. The Indian Probate Reform Law does not apply to tribal assignments or any property interest created under tribal law or state law, such as ownership of land in fee simple title.

For most of the last 120 years, upon the death of a tribal member owning an allotment, the allotments have been probated under state laws. Since most tribal members do not have written Wills, which are directions to the Probate Court as to who would inherit the tribal member's allotment, most allotments were passed onto heirs of the tribal member under state "interstate" laws. This ultimately resulted in "fractionalization" of Indian allotments across the United States.

The primary purpose of the Indian Probate Reform Law is to curtail the continued fractionalization of trust land ownership, including allotments, by establishing a nationwide uniform system to regulate the inheritance of trust lands in Indian country.

Under the Indian Probate Reform Law, if a tribal member, who owns an allotment, doesn't have a will, upon the death of the tribal member:

- The tribal member's spouse will receive a "life estate" in the allotted property and upon the death of the spouse, the allotment will automatically pass on to the children of the tribal member.
- If the tribal member and spouse do not have surviving children, upon death of the spouse, the allotment is inherited by grandchildren or great-grandchildren, if any, and if there are no grandchildren or great-grandchildren, then by the parents, if any, and, if there are no parents, then by the brothers and sisters.
- If the tribal member who owns the allotment, does not have any surviving children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren, parents or brothers or sisters, and after the death of the spouse, if any, the allotment is automatically transferred to the tribe.
- All eligible heirs must be Indian or within two generations of the tribal member owning the allotment or owners of another trust interest in the same allotment.
- If land is less than five percent of a tract of land, the spouse is only entitled to a life estate if she/he lives on the land and then the allotment is inherited only by the oldest child or grandchild of the tribal member.

These and additional provisions of the Indian Probate Reform Law are known as the federal "interstate" laws and only apply to tribal members in circumstances where the tribal member who owns an allotment dies without having a written Will and if the Tribe having a reservation in which the allotment is located has not adopted a Tribal Probate Code.

Therefore, it is very important that tribal members who own allotments do have a written Will which identifies the individuals that the tribal member wants to inherit the tribal member's interests in the allotment or trust lands. However, there are certain restrictions under the Indian Probate Reform Law on persons eligible to inherit allotments or other trust lands even under Wills. In general, land in trust cannot be devised to non-Indians unless they are the decedent's lineal descendants. Additionally, even if a decedent's spouse is not mentioned in a will, the spouse may inherit some of the decedent's trust property.

The Office of the Tribal Attorney is currently preparing a Tribal Probate Code which will be submitted to the Tribal Council for adoption. The Tribal Probate Code will set forth the rules under which the Tribal Court will probate Wills of tribal members. It is recommended that tribal members with trust lands discuss their inheritance issues with regards to these lands with an private attorney.



4th ANNUAL KIDS FISHING DERBY ‘DENISE MARTH MEMORIAL’



John Messer III, age five, proudly shows off his fine catch from the pond.



Johnny Davis Jr., age ten, shown to the left with his father, John Davis Sr. His fish was caught in the tank stocked by KBIC Natural Resources.

The 4th Annual KBIC/Denise Marth Memorial Fishing Derby was a success!!! On Saturday, June 24, 2006, there were a record number of children attending the 4th Annual KBIC/Denise Marth Memorial Kids Fishing Derby. There were 170 children registered with well over 200 children attending all together.

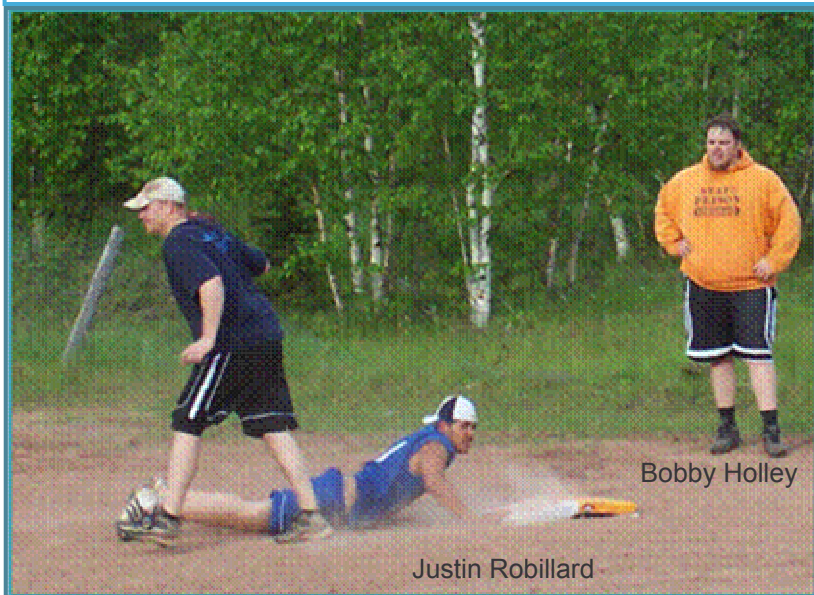
The event took place at the Lighthouse Pond on Sand Point and is sponsored by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department (KBICNRD) along with a large number of donators throughout our community (a list of businesses is provided below). This year's event was organized by Liz Sherman, KBICNRD Secretary, along with other KBIC staff.

Registration was held from 9-10 am and the event ran until 1 pm. Children bringing their own fishing pole received a free tackle box and those who did not have a pole had a chance to pick from a variety of free fishing poles. The first group of 15 kids registered went to the fishing pond for 20 minutes of fishing. The next 15 kids had a chance to take part in the Velcro fish casting contest for 5-8 year olds, 9-12 year olds could take casts at the hula hoop contest, and all ages were brought to the waterfront for the inner tube casting contest. Other features included a display by Baraga State Park Explorer Guide, Marta Loman, boat rides by KBIC Conservation, an appearance by Smokey the Bear, and hot dogs and sno-cones were provided. A big hit that was started in 2004, was our brook trout tank. We transferred approximately 100 of our brook trout from the hatchery to a holding tank where the children could either release the fish or take them home if they caught one. After the second group of 15 kids fished in the pond, they combined as a group of 30 and went to see Pauline Spruce at the prize area for random drawings to win a prize.

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SUPERIOR PIZZA MEN’S TEAM IN ACTION

More men’s pictures on page seven. →



SUPERIOR PIZZA WOMEN'S TEAM

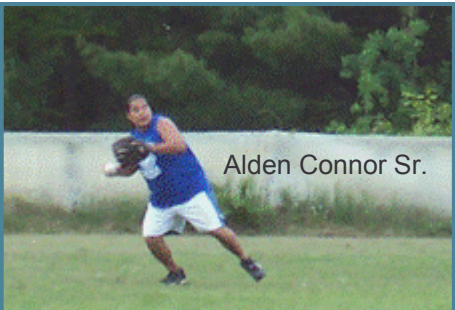


Superior Pizza Women's Team—This team consists of KBIC women who are coached by Dan Connors. Many of the women have played numerous years on this team and have become quite successful. As of printing date, the team is 7-5.

Left to Right (Front row)—Nancy Voakes, Jordanne Gauthier, Shelia Ekdahl, Catherine Ekdahl, Peeky St. George, Tina Messer, Lindsey Loonsfoot, (Back row)—Coach Dan Connor, Bridgette LaPointe, Cheryne LaPointe, Kerry Varline, Teri DeCota, Jodene Rasanen, Beth Connor, Becky Genschow and Angie Olson.



Many KBIC men play for Superior Pizza in the Baraga County Men's Softball League. This is a young team who are gaining much experience every week. Come out and cheer them on. They play throughout Baraga County on Wednesday evenings.



Alden Connor Sr.



William Jondreau

Jessie Forcia



Jason Forcia



Plan to attend the New Day Sobriety Traditional PowWow on August 19-20, 2006, PowWow grounds, Baraga, MI. New Day is honoring Doug Welsh, for his years of sobriety and commitment. Grand Entry on Saturday 1pm and 6pm, and Sunday 1pm. No fees. Head Dancers are Lester Drift (Boise Forte, MN) and Melissa McGeshick (LVD). Host drum is Sons of the Three Fires (Gun Lake, MI). For more info call Paul Halverson at 524-4411.

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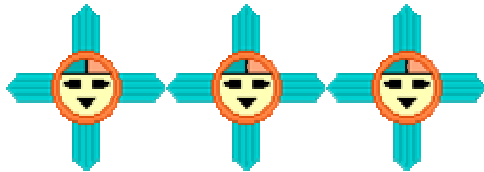
Meet Draven Thomas Hooper, born February 27, 2006, to Janelle “Nellie” Emery and Tom Hooper. Draven weighed 6 lbs 8 oz and was 19 3/4 inches long at birth. Grandparents are Colleen and John DeRoche. Great-grandparents are William and Gretchen Emery, and the Late Georgianna Emery. Congratulations and welcome to our community!



We’d like to welcome these two natural brothers to the family of Joshua and Tricia Emery. (Left) is one-year-old Eli Curtis Emery. Eli was born 04/12/2005 with his adoption finalized on 05/03/2006. (Right) is three-year-old Joshua Owens Spencer Emery. “Lil Josh” was born 03/05/2003, with his adoption finalized on 03/25/2005. Grandparents are Colleen and John DeRoche. Great-Grandparents are William and Gretchen Emery. Welcome!



Meet Keira Dakota, born July 7, 2006, to Rhea Koski and Dale Dakota. Keira weighed 8 lbs, 14 oz and was 20 inches in length at birth.



KBIC TEAM PARTICIPATES AT ‘RELAY FOR LIFE’

With a \$5,000 donation, KBIC was one of the largest sponsors in the Relay for Life. Staff of the Dept. of Health and Human Services and Tribal Social Services represented KBIC at the event held June 23-24, 2006, at the Houghton High School Track. Team members and supporters came to the track to walk for the 24-hour period to show their support in the fight against cancer. The team also raised over \$1,600 with a spaghetti lunch and on-site fundraisers. They sold candy bars on site that were donated by Snyder’s Pharmacy, Pines Convenience Center,

Bayshore BP and Pat’s Foods. A basket of items for pampering yourself was also raffled out. The group sold relay “hope” bracelets, and sold bricks for individuals to decorate that were used to pave the yellow brick road. According to team leader, Heather Wood, “Our theme was the *Wizard of Oz* where **Dreams Do Come True** and we were **Fighting Cancer One Brick at a Time**. Our site decorations won third place in the event.” The KBIC team hosted the breast cancer awareness lap with pink shawls.



Left to right—Lana Robillard with twin sons, Coby and Cade Robillard, Mary Tikkanen, Becky Tussing and Heather Wood were participants in the Pink Shawl Lap Exhibition Friday evening, at the ‘Relay for Life’ event.



Left to right—(front) Brenda Brunk, Nancy Pawlowski, Donna Pawlowski, (back) Heather Wood, Nick Mayo, Mary Tikkanen, Deb Arens, Linda Wood, Chelsea Brunk and Kathy Mayo dressed for KBIC’s team theme—Somewhere over the rainbow, **DREAMS COME TRUE**.

KBIC enjoys 4th of July Celebrations



The Children's Parade held in downtown Baraga, drew many decorated bikes, wagons and ATVs. Many moms, dads, aunts, uncles, cousins assisted with the youngsters. 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸



Brittany Maki Crowned Lumberjack Queen



Left to right—Margarita Nieskes (runner up) and Brittany Maki (Lumberjack Days Queen) definitely brightened up the main parade.

Brittany Maki, 17, of (Zeba) L'Anse, Michigan, was crowned the 2006 Lumberjack Queen, on July 3, 2006, during the Village of Baraga Lumberjack Days festivities.

Brittany is the daughter of Art and Patti Maki Jr. She is the granddaughter of Clyde and Barbara Swartz and the (late) Art and Pat Maki Sr. Brittany will be a senior at the L'Anse High School this fall. She is a honor roll student and involved in National Honor Roll, National Honors Convocation, Family Careers Community Leadership Association and the LHS Student Council. She is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the KBIC Youth Club. Brittany is employed at Superior Pizza.

Brittany enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing softball, basketball, running, weight-lifting, collecting eagle feathers, babysitting and "helping out in my community."

Brittany plans, after completing her high school education, to attend Michigan State University to pursue a master's in law and then on to Cooley to pursue a career in criminal justice.

Margarita Nieskes is the daughter of Curt and Eleanor Nieskes of Baraga. She will be a senior at the Baraga High School and carries a 4.0 grade point average.



KBIC Color Guard



The Lumberjack Days Main Parade was held in Baraga, Michigan, on July 4, 2006. Pictured above (top) is the KBIC Color Guard who marched in the parade. The Ojibwa Casino entered a float (above), distributing many free items to the crowd. (Right) The KBIC Youth Club booth offered face painting, helium balloons and other trinkets.



Community Calendar - AUGUST 2006

Eye Injury Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the news-letter FYI.		1	2	3	4	5 Council Meeting @ 9 am
6	7	8	9	10	11 10-3 Rabies Clinic (see ad) 	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19 New Day Pow-wow, Baraga
20 New Day Pow-wow, Baraga	21	22 Craft & Learn, 5 pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.	

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There were a total of 28 children who caught fish from the pond. The fish species included perch, rock bass, large mouth bass, bull heads and brook trout. Even a couple frogs and turtle's were caught.

We tried making sure all kids had a chance to win something. The major prize winners from all the contests are listed below. This was the first year we also had a prize drawing for the adults who brought the children to have a fun day of fishing.

Casting Contest Winner (9-12 yr olds):
1st Katrina Ravindran
2nd John Davis, Jr.
3rd Frederick Dakota

Inner Tube Casting Contest Winners (All ages 5-12):
1st and 2nd Abbey Hendrickson, 3rd Alexandria Loonsfoot

Adult Drawing
Shimano Fishing Poles—Susan Massie and Lori Tervo
Fillet Board and Knife— Kim Miron and Glen Haataja

Velcro Fishing Contest Winners (5-12 Yr olds):
1st Emily Magaraggia
2nd Dylan LaPlante
3rd Jeri Ann Tervo

Most Fish 9-12—Dillon Hueckstaedt
Most Fish 5-9—Brian Fedie
Biggest Fish 9-12—Dillon Hueckstaedt
Biggest Fish 5-9—Kaylee Brazeau

The Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department (KBNRD) would like to thank all of the following businesses and volunteers who made the 4th Annual KBIC/Denise Marth Kids Fishing Derby a success! A-1 Toy-Lets, Ace Hardware, Baraga County Federal Credit Union, Bay Auto, Bayshore BP, Bayshore Vet, Book World of Houghton, Commercial National Bank, Countryside Farm & Garden, Crusty's Pizza, Dairy Queen, Disney Bait and Tackle, Domino's Pizza, Downwind Sports, Eagle Radio, Erickson's True Value, Festival Foods, Gander Mountain, Hardee's, Headlines, Hilltop Restaurant, Holiday, Homestead Graphics, Huron Bay Trading Post, Indian Country Sports, Irene's Pizza, KBIC Cul-tural Committee, KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC Natural Resource Committee, KBIC Summer Youth, KBIC Tire, KBIC Tribal Construction, KBIC Tribal Council, Lahti's, Larry's Market, Lutes Corner Store, Marquette Children's Museum, Mitch's Trading Post, Ojibwa Gift Shop, Ojibwa Casino, Ojibwa Senior Citizens, Pat's IGA, Pines Convenience Center, Quincy Fire Department, Radio Shack, Range Auto, Snyder Drugs, Subway, Superior Salon, UP Theaters, USFWS Ashland, Wisconsin, VFW Club, Wilkinson's, Marta Loman of Baraga State Park, Char Beesley, Liz Sherman, Kit Racette, Gene Mensch, Micah Petoskey, Shawn Seppanen, Mike LaPointe, Fran LaPointe, Dale Goodreau, Everett Ekdahl, Joe LaBeau, Don Carlson, Pauline Spruce, Stan Spruce, Chuck Brumleve, Todd Warner, Debbie Williamson, "Popcorn" Elizabeth Mayo, Joe Mrstik, Beverly Cardinal, Vicki Emery, Ashley Denomie, Tom Clisch, Tim Tilson, Jim LaPointe, Zena Huhta, Kerry Picciano, Al Gauthier, Ted Shalfoe, "Fergus the dog," Ken Spruce, Sam Spruce, Trevor Spruce and Tony Loonsfoot.


With the great number of businesses that donated and the volunteers who gave their time, we may have forgot to mention everyone. If we have, we would like to thank you for your donation or time that you gave. I would also like to thank all the parents and children who participated and hope to see you all again next year!

Ojibwa Community Library

I'd like to take a moment to address the issue of late or lost library books. Please return them to the book drop bin @ the entrance to the college. For those patrons who have accrued large fines, I can set up a monthly payment plan. Once those fines have been paid in full, your library privileges will be re-instated. Please return the books, there are patrons who would like to read them. Thank you.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

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Heroic Action

Fifteen-year-old Wesley Curtis, without any hesitation, rushed out into Lake Superior to save seven-year-old Bailey Denomie. The young girl was playing on a raft, which had drifted out a little too far. She had attempted to paddle back in with no relief. The young girl panicked and slipped off the raft, but the water was over her head. She was bobbing up and down, unable to save herself. At that time, one of the adults noticed what was happening and screamed. Wesley immediately took action without any prior thought; he swam out to the young girl and brought her to shore. She was quite shaken but required no medical attention. The incident occurred Saturday, July 15, 2006, at a family picnic near the Baraga Lighthouse. The Denomie and Funke families and the Community wish to say Chi Miigwetch Wesley Curtis for your quick actions!

Unbelievable Talent on the Rez...

The KBIC Ojibwa Elders hosted the Michigan Indian Elders Association's Second Quarterly Meeting July 11, 12 & 13, 2006, with a chosen theme, "Aloha!" Meetings and activities were held at the Helene C. Welsh Senior Center in Baraga, Michigan. The three days were chucked full of events including a delegates meeting, MIEA meeting, and presentations by Dr. Marianne Brady, Dr. Oh, Dr. Zobro, Dr. Dale Schmeisser, and Ted Holappa. Wednesday evening, an audience of nearly 100 enjoyed the unbelievable talent on the rez. Ginny Ann Jermac, serving as MC, introducing many individuals who were kind enough to share their talents for the crowd's enjoyment.



Warren Petoskey shared a song about recovery and healing, "Carry on." Mr. Petosky, a talented comedian, definitely filled the room with laughter.



11-year-old Megan Tucker performed one of her many talents—a hoop dance.



Peggi Shelifoe shared a Hawaiian song "Ahi Wela" (Twinkle, Twinkle in Hawaiian).



BABS—Barbara Mantila shared her wonderful sense of humor with a joke or two.



John Bussey, baritone, shared two songs—"Shanty town" and a comedy tune, "Lily the Pink."



Singer Doreen Smith shared two country favorites—*It's a little too late* and *It won't be me*.



15-year-old Ethan Smith performed *Swan* on the cello. Later in the evening he shared another talent with a selection on the piano. A very talented young lad here!

Nine-year-old Vanessa Beaver and ten-year-old Desiree Jermac, performed a catchy little tune — "Some call it magic."

Magically smiles filled the room.

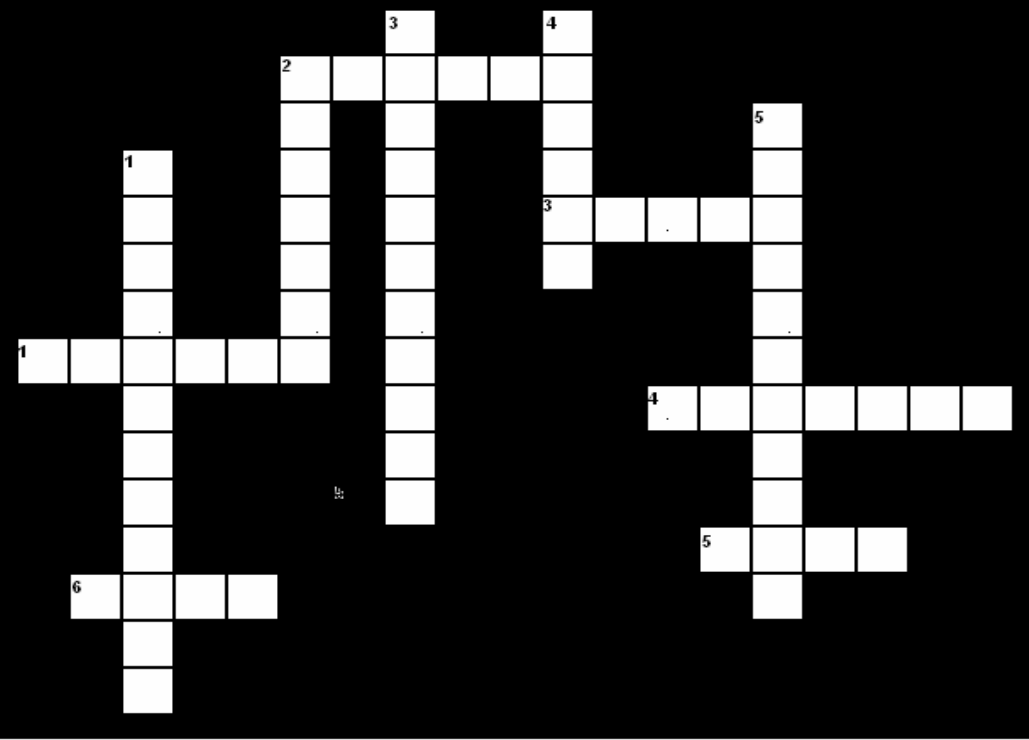


Vocabulary

manomin - wild rice
manominikeda - Let' make wild rice
bawa'am - s/he knocks rice
jimaan - canoe
inabin iwedi — look over there
anang -a star



dibikad - night
zibi -a river
bekaa - wait
giga wabamin -I'll see you
minawa - later



Down

- 1. Let's make wild rice.
- 2. wild rice
- 3. look over there
- 4. s/he knocks rice
- 5. I'll see you



Across

- 1. canoe
- 2. later
- 3. a star
- 4. night
- 5. a river
- 6. wait

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"Elvis," Dave Firestone is no stranger to Ke-weenaw Bay. Elvis performed— "Little Sister."

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NEW HIRE at KBIC

Data Entry Clerk/Receptionist — Angela Kelly

Visitors of the Donald LaPointe Medical Center, second floor, will be greeted by a new face. Angela Kelly has accepted a promotion for the position of Data Entry Clerk/Receptionist at DHHS. Kelly recently was employed with KBIC as a part-time Healthy Start Aide.

Angela resides in Baraga with her husband, Chris, and their two daughters, Dana (three-years-old), Madison (two-years-old), son Christian (five-months-old), and her step-son Quillian (eight-years-old). Angela states, "I'm very excited to have joined the Health Team full-time. I am looking forward to new challenges and more opportunities."

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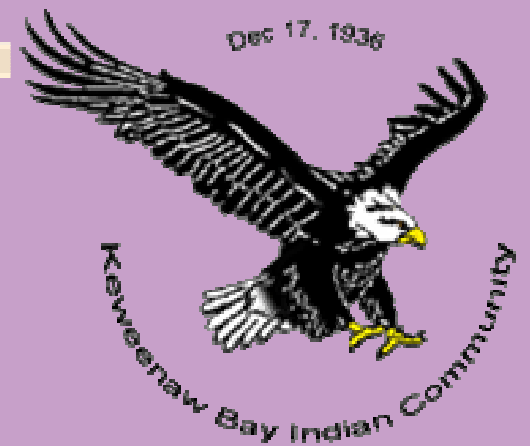
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“TEACHING OUR DAUGHTERS” **28th Keweenaw Bay Powwow—2006**



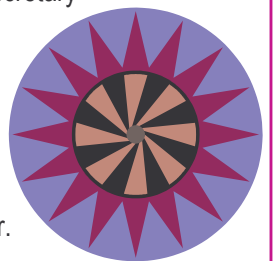
Pictured above, left to right, Charlotte Loonsfoot (Shauna's mother), Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto (Miss Keweenaw Bay), President Susan LaFerner and Virgil Loonsfoot (Shauna's grandfather).

Friday evening, July 21, 2006, Shauna Mae Mary Loonsfoot-Pelto was crowned as the Keweenaw Bay Princess for 2006. She will represent Keweenaw Bay for the next year. Thirteen-year-old Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto (Mish-go-waba-goni-kway—Red and White Flower Woman) was born on May 3, 1993, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. She is Crane clan, and is the daughter of Charlotte Loonsfoot of Baraga and Corey Pelto of Detroit. Shauna is a fancy shawl dancer and a singer with the Four Thunders Drum.

An estimated 4,000 people attended this year's Maawanji'iding (powwow) throughout the weekend long

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Special points of interest:

- August 5, 2006, Tribal Council Meeting
- “Mia,” On-the-job
- Four NASA Interns complete studies
- New Hires at KBIC
- Summer Science Camp 2006
- Litefoot visits youth at KBIC
- Frog and Toad Surveys Help KBIC-NRD Monitor Wetland Health
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event, which was held July 21-23, 2006, at the Ojibwa Campgrounds in Baraga, Michigan. This year's theme was "Teaching Our Daughters." The host drum, the Plains Ojibwa Singers made the 20-hour trip from Long Plains, Manitoba, even though one of its singers became quite ill and had to have a triple bypass heart surgery recently. The singer died of complications early Friday morning. The drum still traveled to KBIC as they felt they had a purpose and a job to do and were being called to do so.



Host Drum—Plains Ojibwa Singers of Long Plains, Manitoba.

Saturday's grand entry included a blanket dance for the family of the deceased singer. On Thursday, July 20th, the day began with the lighting of the sacred fire, traditional teachings throughout the day, a blessing and feast. Friday, July 21st, events included a grand entry, Princess coronation, Pink Shawl Exhibition, and honoring of the elders. This year KBIC honored elders were—Philomena Ekdahl, Edward Holzman and Ted Shalifoe of Baraga, and Lois Bogda of Zeba.

Saturday's events began with the Fry Bread Championship. Joyce Genia of Muskegon, MI, placed first in the adult category, and her grandson Solomon Collins (14-years-old) of Holland, MI, placed first in the youth category. Joyce stated that her mother, Rose Shalifoe, taught both of them how to make fry bread.



Joyce Genia and grandson Solomon Collins both won the Fry Bread Championship categories.

Alyssa Schuman and Scott Chapman of Lac du Flambeau, WI, placed first in the Youth Two-Step Championship. "Hot Sauce" is the team name of this year's Midnight Two-Step Champions, Aaron Cappo of Regina, Sas-

katchewan, and Denise Logan of Milwaukee, WI.

The threat of thunderstorms rushed things along a bit faster than usual on Sunday afternoon. The day included a grand entry, some inter-tribals and the give-aways.

Co-host Drum was Buffalo Horse Singers of Morton, MN. Woodland Singers and Four Thunders were home drums. Donald Chosa Jr. (KBIC) of Zeba honored Keweenaw Bay as Head Veteran Dancer. Lawrence Williams (Lac du Flambeau) and Lorraine "Punkin" Shananaquet (Gun Lake and Lac Courte Orielles) were Head Dancers. Head Youth Dancers were Kyle Gauthier (KBIC) of Baraga and Hope Minton (KBIC) of L'Anse. Emcees, Ted Holappa (KBIC) and Eddie Benton-Banai (Lac Courte Orielles), did a terrific job throughout the weekend of events.



Ted Holappa (left) and Eddie Benton-Banai (right) emcees at the Keweenaw Bay Maawanji'iding.

Stanley Spruce (KBIC) served as the arena director, and John Loonsfoot (KBIC) served as head fire-keeper.



Three princess candidates — left to right, Jennifer DeCota, Shauna Loonsfoot-Pelto and Dalene Chosa.

AUGUST 5, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on August 5, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung, and the Lord's Prayer was cited for the Invocation. The Council reviewed numerous Thank You documents received from the community.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner indicated that on July 12, 2006, she gave the welcoming address to our 140+ honored Elders for their Michigan Indian Elders Association quarterly meeting, which was held at Keweenaw Bay for three days. They had many interesting presentations, a talent show and a very informative language presentation. President LaFerner also gave the *Welcome* at our 28th Keweenaw Bay "Maa wan ji iding" Pow-wow on July 21, 2006. "It was an enjoyable weekend for many and a big thank you to Pauline Knapp Spruce and the Pow-Wow Committee for all the hard work they do all year in preparation for the Pow-Wow. Thank you also to all of those who do the other work that is needed—cooking, cleaning, gate, security, grounds/maintenance, marina, summer youth, accounting services—we appreciate all that you do." President LaFerner stated that she had the unique opportunity to be interviewed by Dick Storm and Ed Janisse on the "Keep It In The U.P." radio show on July 24, 2006. The number of KBIC employees, the different departments and the work that they do, the Marquette Casino status, our comprehensive plans/goals, the Property Tax victory, mining, two percent donations and the other donations that the Tribe and the Casino give to our people and the Community were discussed. President LaFerner indicated that she was pleased with the outcome of the July 26, 2006, meeting with KBIC Service providers which involved 13+ departments. We had a round table discussion on the many programs that are currently offered, and the programs we want to provide in the very near future. Forty people attended that discussion which included KBIC's new Drug Task Force. This Drug Task Force met again last week and will be presenting a plan (goals) and a budget for the coming year. Our main goal is to coordinate our services, add new services and win the "war on drugs on the rez." The Task Force will then be meeting a larger group with their plan, and we hope to coordinate these plans with the Weed & Seed Program, if awarded. On July 27, 2006, General Manager Gerald Hays, Attorney John Baker and President LaFerner attended a meeting with Charles Bergdahl (Vice Chair of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners) and Steven Powers (County Administrator) on two percent questions about pass through and the procedure of requesting this money. They are also willing to work with KBIC on future economic development endeavors. We later met with John Ennett (Negaunee Township Treasurer), Attorney Kevin Koch and Wayne Johnson (Negaunee Township Supervisor) on the plans for the proposed Marquette Casino's sewer needs. NATIVE VOTE 2006 is fast approaching! If you remember in 2004, the National Congress of American Indians spearheaded a campaign to register persons and have record numbers of Native Americans turn out to vote. We must ensure that our right to vote is never threatened again as it was in the past. The power of the vote will put Native issues before elected leaders like never before in history, so remember to register to vote and then get out and vote in the upcoming elections. If anyone needs assistance, please call one of the Council members. Thank you Chris Swartz, Gene Emery, Jennifer Misegan, the late Ann Misegan, and Christoff Geiger for their work on the Gaming Commission Committee for the past 16 months. Mr. John Bussey stated it well in his thank you letter to them that they were successful because of the team effort put forward by all members, and they followed the plan of action. You can be proud of a job well done as you pass this task over to the three newly appointed Gaming Commissioners. Because of your efforts, they will have a strong base from which to begin their work on August 1st.

President LaFerner addressed a debated issue lately — "I feel that I need to clarify issues regarding the Early Head Start/Head Start Program. I did indeed attend the May 12, 2006, ITC Policy Council meeting that was held here in Baraga. I was not involved with the Head Start programs in the past, but there has been a Policy Council, and at this meeting, it was stated by the ITC Head Start Director that our program was in compliance after a recent audit. The policy that was passed on that day states that the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc, Head-Start Programs will recruit and enroll pregnant women and families with children from birth through age five who are identified as being the most in need of Head Start

Services from within the service area of the Tribal Communities and who are part of the consortium known as the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. This policy also clearly states the six categories of native preference/eligibility and everything that I have read states that the program must service all of the income eligible children prior to serving over-income children per federal guidelines. If there are slots available after all low-income tribal applicants have been enrolled, then over income tribal applicants can be considered (the overall program which includes all of the ITC Consortium Centers which total seven cannot exceed 49% over income families) per letter from the ITC Director. It was also stated at the meeting that the guidelines needed to be followed and that is exactly what is happening. The Selection Worksheet was also approved at the meeting for the '06 Pilot year, and it was stated that it can be modified and reevaluated later in the Fall by the Policy Council. Both the Policy and the Selection Worksheet were designed to ensure that low-income tribal members and descendants are selected first, since the program is funded to provide services to low-income tribal families (per letter from ITC Director). Income has always been the question. There were 108 applicants and 62 available slots were filled. All children were given points according to the selection worksheet with enrolled children receiving 100 points. Forty-six children were denied which included enrolled over income children, low income descendants (which numbered approximately 20), over income non-native children and other tribe's children. So as you can see, going by policy, we were not able to accommodate all of KB's low income descendants or the enrolled over income children. Per motions from the Tribal Council, we are now in the process of reviewing options to provide these children services as soon as possible. It was stated at the last meeting that we wanted to serve all of the children to the best of our ability, and I want to say that it is unfortunate that some believe we do not care about our enrolled children or their future. It was also stated to me at the meeting, from an enrolled tribal member that if their child could not attend Head Start any longer because of the income criteria, they understood because it is the policy. I do have recommendations for the policy and the selection worksheet which I will share with the Program Director. I will also clarify that the majority of the in-kind/donations of goods and services that the Tribe gave to the program in 2005, included cleaning and maintenance crew wages which are tasks that are included in their daily routines, it is not additional cash. We will keep you informed of the progress. Thank you."

In the Secretary's Report, Larry Denomie reported the July Council actions as follows: approved \$15,870 for black topping vendor alley with K Co. in the Ojibwa Campground; appointed James Rasanen, Mike Duschene and Jennifer Misegan as the new gaming commissioners at \$15 per hour and to be paid in stipend form; approved a consulting agreement between the KBIC and the Hotel Waterpark Resort Research and Consulting; authorized the Tribe's attorneys to work on Ojibwa Housing new residential leases for fee-simple lands; authorized the Baraga Fire Dept use of the field behind the college for the Mud Drags on September 16, 2006; amended the motion from the July 8, 2006, council meeting for purchase of a new Bingo machine to the amount of \$38,235; approved having the selection committee for Head Start follow the federal guidelines and policies as written this year; upheld the decision of the CEO regarding case numbers 006-06 and 007-06; approved having a plan developed to possibly have a tribal Head Start program in the mornings and then daycare in the afternoon within the daycare program; approved the veterans group's request for \$1925.59 for flag poles and parts; approved the contract with Larson Well Drilling for maintenance of wells at the hatchery; approved BACCO Construction for the 35 acre Sand Point project with the recommendation that Tribal Construction Company be used in the project; approved new tobacco licenses for Jeff Lamson and Pete Morin; renewed a tobacco license for Joe Waara; approved a special event liquor license for the Baraga Fire Dept. for the Mud Drag event; renewed a business license for Joe LaBeau; denied a monetary request from the South Shore Fishing Association; approved \$1000 for the Thomas Cole PAC for congress; approved sending a letter of support regarding clarifying HR 16; approved up to \$3000 for Joann Jaukkuri attorney fees so that her case can be brought into Tribal Court; approved Resolutions KB1482-2006 and KB1491-2006 for Allen Gauthier and Donald Carlson respectively; approved Resolution KB1492-2006 for TSI sites; approved Resolution KB1493-2006 for ITC-CSBG grant and approved April 2005 and the June 26, 2006 meeting minutes.

A Presentation on the First Annual Denise Marth Walk-A-Thon was given to

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the Council by Gordette Cote Leutz. A plaque was presented to the Council for KBIC's help in the funding of this event.

Ginny Ann Jermac addressed the Council on behalf of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens with a request of travel assistance for seventeen elders to attend the NICOA Conference in Oklahoma. Larry Denomie motioned to table this request until Thursday's meeting and until more information is available from OHA and also whether or not Philly Ekdahl and Sandy Pittsley would be attending this same conference, supported by Fred Dakota, motioned carried.

The Intergovernmental Accord was discussed at length. This is an agreement between the twelve Michigan Tribes and the Governor of the State of Michigan to expand joint economic development efforts. Motion by Warren Swartz Jr. to authorize the Tribal Chair to sign on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community the Intergovernmental Accord between the Tribal Leaders of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Michigan and the Governor of the State of Michigan to Expand Joint Economic Development Activities, supported by Larry Denomie III, seven support (Swartz, Denomie, Minton, Emery, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Matthews) three opposed (Dakota, Mayo, Shawanung), motion carried.

John Bussey, Executive Director Gaming Commission, named the three Gaming Commissioners as James Rasanen, Mike Duschene and Jennifer Misegan. An eighteen month plan to bring forth an Independent Gaming Commission had been approved by Council, which is now in the seventeenth month. During this time, we wrote two ordinances—Gaming Commissioner Ordinance and the Gaming Regulation Ordinance.

We also wrote the Code of Ethics. During this month we are bringing forward three appointed Gaming Commissioners, who have begun their training as of August 1st. They will train for two months working with the Council, and on October 1, 2006, they will take over as the Gaming Commission under the new ordinance. Please welcome James Rasanen and Mike Duschene as they sign their Code of Ethics for KBIC Gaming Commission. Jennifer Misegan was unavailable for today's meeting.

Susan Rasch, Baraga County Fair Manager, requested through letter, a donation to help fund this year's fair. Gary Loonsfoot Sr. motioned to Table this request until Thursday's meeting to see if any of our businesses have funds available to assist with the Baraga County Fair needs. Supported by Toni Minton; motion carried.

Resolutions KB 1495-2006 Aura Road Co-op Project and KB1496-2006 Bayshore Road Co-op Project were on the agenda for approval. Discussion occurred regarding tribal hiring on these projects by subcontracts. Warren Swartz Jr. motioned to table both resolutions until Thursday's meeting when Jason Ayres could be present to answer the questions regarding these projects> Supported by Mike LaFerner Sr.; motion carried.

The Baraga High School Cheerleaders requested, through letter, a donation for help to purchase uniforms. They have to raise \$4000 to purchase new uniforms and have raised \$2420, they are looking for a \$1580 donation. Elizabeth Mayo motioned to table the request until Thursday's meeting and until it is known if the Booster Club can assist with the money they need to raise, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., motion carried.

Department Head reports were reviewed. Council member Elizabeth Mayo questioned as to why the Attorney's Office reports are not present. Attorney John Baker was present and indicated that since a third lawyer has been hired, he will be able to submit a report in September for the month of August. June 2006, department reports were approved prior to closed session with Attorney John Baker, Larry Denomie, Warren Swartz Jr. and President LaFerner on the agenda.

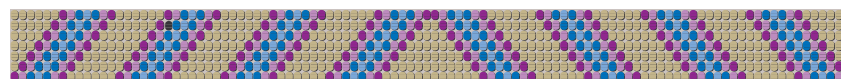
"Mia," ON-THE-JOB



Meet the newest member of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department. "Mia," a two-year-old German Shepard, is KBIC's newest law enforcement officer. Upon approval of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council, Mia was purchased from Northern Michigan K-9 in Harrison, Michigan. Officer Joseph Spruce was chosen and attended a four-week training course in Clare, MI, this past July, to become Mia's handler.

Mia is a dual purpose canine, trained in narcotic detection and patrol. Mia is from Germany where she was trained in basic obedience and imported to the United States where she finished her police training. Some of Mia's abilities include tracking, article search, building search, handler protection and criminal apprehension.

Mia began her first day on the job with the Keweenaw Bay Law Enforcement Department on August 9, 2006. Mia will be on patrol with Officer Spruce. Mia is a very social dog that definitely is a great addition to our police department and the community.



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community to Sponsor a Culturally Relevant Indianpreneur Training

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will be hosting an Indianpreneur training class which will run for two weekends, September 15, 16 & 17, 2006, and September 29, 30 & Oct. 1, 2006. This is a two part training class and students will need to attend both sessions. The class will be held at the Anishinaabe Anokii. This class is being presented by the American Indian Economic Development Fund (AIEDF) and is open to everyone, Native and non-Native.

The AIEDF is a nonprofit agency in St. Paul, MN, who helps American Indian entrepreneurs by providing individualized, culturally-relevant business education, counseling, and mentoring throughout the loan process. The AIEDF provides culturally sensitive financial technical assistance. They arrange and facilitate meetings between the entrepreneur and the main lender. They participate in the loan process by providing gap funds at below-market interest rates and act as an advocate for the interests of the entrepreneur throughout the application, approval, and repayment process.

The Fund makes loans to men and women who are creating or expanding retail, services and manufacturing business – all of which hire American Indians as employees.

If you are interested in starting a business or expanding an existing business and would like more information about the entrepreneur class or want to request an application for the class, please call Tina Durant, Services Coordinator Anishinaabe Anokii, at 906-524-2222.

Four Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College students complete NASA Internship.

NASA and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) launched the NASA AIHEC Summer Research Experience Program this summer. The program was designed as a strategic approach to inspire young American Indians to pursue careers in science and engineering, fields in which they have been under-represented.

Sixty participants from fourteen Tribal Colleges and Universities took part in programs at seven NASA centers. Four Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College (KBOCC) students were chosen by NASA for Internships at the Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, this summer. DeAnna Hadden, Suzy Jondreau, Tabatha Miller and Jessica Koski traveled to Maryland on May 28, 2006, with their advisor, Treneice Marshall of KBOCC. Intern Jessica



Left to right — NASA Interns Suzy Jondreau, Tabatha Miller, DeAnna Hadden, Jessica Koski.

Koski was stationed with the Earth Station building. She conducted research using NASA satellite imagery, and completed the presentation 'Potential Impacts of Sulfide Mining on the L'Anse Indian Reservation.' Koski indicated that this opportunity was a rewarding experience and she has now decided to change her major from business administration to environmental justice. She implied, "I'm going to keep learning about the Kennebec Eagle Project. I have the opportunity to fly to San Francisco this December and present a poster about my project to scientists at the AGU conference. I would also like to present my project to my school and the community."

DeAnna Hadden, Suzy Jondreau and Tabatha Miller were stationed at the Visitor's Center at Goddard Space Flight Center. Their duties involved running a multi-million dollar animated globe, Science On a Sphere (SOS) that shows dynamic, animated images of the atmosphere, oceans and land of our planet. NASA uses the sphere as an educational outreach tool to describe the environmental processes of the earth and provide an entertaining informative way for people to see climate, weather and ocean science. The sphere takes satellite images, along with other data, and combines them on the 68-inch fiberglass sphere which allows viewers to watch how the warm water in the Pacific signal an El Niño travel across the ocean; watch a hurricane form as a small storm slowly gathers strength traveling westward from Africa across the Atlantic Ocean, toward the Gulf of Mexico; or view increases and decreases in air pollution along Keweenaw Bay as the Great Lakes control northern wind/weather patterns. The three interns operated the SOS and did presentations for groups of all ages. Upon returning to KBIC, the three interns organized the Girl Power Camp held at the KBOCC.

Treneice Marshall indicated that she worked on a modification of NASA's SiB2 global warming model. Her project was to adapt the model to UP ecosystems to see how global warming might affect traditional plants used by the community.

The group was stationed in Maryland for a period of eight weeks. While in Maryland, they resided on the Campus of the University of Maryland. The four students stated that they got to know a diversity of cultures and individuals with handicaps. They were quite impressed with what individuals who have handicaps could achieve. "One of the neatest things about being in Maryland was when a group of blind kids took us on a tour of Washington D.C., and we rode on the metro, ended up on the wrong bus and got real lost," one of the four students indicated. Other comments, "We got to view all of the Smithsonian Museums with our class," and "I feel very fortunate that I got to have this experience in my life."



Actual sphere operated by Hadden, Jondreau and Miller at Goddard Space Flight Center.

LITEFOOT VISITS KBIC

Litefoot visited the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, giving a motivational speech for our youth, at the Ojibwa Campgrounds, Thursday afternoon, August 3, 2006. Litefoot, who is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, is the Award Winning Native American Role Model, rap artist, and internationally recognized movie actor, who is traveling across the United States and Canada, visiting over 200 Tribal Nations.

The purpose of the "Reach The Rez" project is to provide proactive programs and outreach to Native American communities throughout the United States and Canada.



The programs are designed to effectively reach the American Indian people, particularly our youth. The spirit of the project's effort is ultimately aimed for

the betterment of all communities and the uplift of all people. "Reach The Rez" programs have been designed to specifically appeal to the youth.

A "Reach the Rez" documentary is also being filmed as Litefoot visits the Native American communities and includes interviews with tribal leaders, elders and youth, which will be distributed to schools and other organizations in the United States and Canada when completed.



KBIC SUMMER YOUTH TRIP



Thirty-seven KBIC youth and chaperones traveled by charter bus to Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, August 13, 2006. The group enjoyed the Tommy Bartlett spectacle feature with a combination of high-powered boats, fast-paced water-skiing and breathtaking stunts in water, on stage and high in the sky. The group enjoyed a full day of thrill riding at the Noah's Ark Water Park and an early morning ride aboard the Dells "Wild Thing" Jet Boat before returning to the rez on Tuesday evening, August 15, 2006.



Grand Entry Saturday afternoon.



Miss Keweenaw Bay (Shauna Loonsfoot Pelto) with the powwow committee, left to right, Melinda Roberts, Elvera Lantz, Colleen DeRoche, Pauline Knapp Spruce, Tracy Emery and Summer Cohen.



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SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP 2006

Summer Science Day Camp was held at KBOCC with the enrollment numbers exceeding 80 students. Two separate sessions (10 days each) were held beginning June 12th, and wrapping up with a picnic the evening of July 12th. The picnic was for kids, family and presenters and was held at the Curwood Park in L'Anse, Michigan. The summer science program included instruction in science, health, safety, nutrition, diabetes prevention, Ojibwa culture, and careers along with outdoor activities, vigorous games, healthy snacks and field trips. The instructional program and materials used in summer science are being evaluated for use in a school science curriculum.

The summer science program is part of KBOCC's Diabetes Education and Science to Instruct Native Youth (DESTINY) project, funded by the National Institutes of Health in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and the Indian Health Service. With seven other tribal college members of the Diabetes Education in Tribal Schools (DETS) group, KBOCC is developing science curriculum materials based on a diabetes model for use in kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms.

This year's Summer Science welcomed a new director, Jackie Treadeau, lead teacher, Susan Tollefson, and teacher aide, Christine Awonhopay. Kelsey Mayo and Megan Shanahan also returned as teacher aides. We were fortunate to have the assistance of youth aides Daanis Chosa and Shane Maki. Two other important members of our team were bus drivers Dennis Myllala and Uno Patovisti. The groups had field trips to the Fish Hatchery, Baraga State Park, Chutes and Ladders, swimming at the Bear's Den and Second Sand Beach. They also hiked up Little Mountain and went to Alberta where they met with two foresters and helped them study salamanders. Some of our presenters included, Kathy Mayo and other staff from the DHHS, Ruth Bussey (traditional teachings), Patsy Keyes, Dale Schmeisser, Gale Ploe (smoking cessation), Lisa Denomie (traditional story telling), and Marie Harju (nutrition).



September is Baby Safety Month.

Safe Sleep Top 10

1. **Always place your baby on his or her back to sleep, for naps and at night.** The back sleep position is the safest, and every sleep time counts.
2. **Place your baby on a firm sleep surface, such as on a safety-approved crib mattress, covered by a fitted sheet.** Never place your baby to sleep on pillows, quilts, sheepskins, or other soft surfaces.
3. **Keep soft objects, toys, and loose bedding out of your baby's sleep area.** Don't use pillows, blankets, quilts, sheepskins, and pillow-like crib bumpers in your baby's sleep area, and keep any other items away from your baby's face.
4. **Do not allow smoking around your baby.** Don't smoke before or after the birth of your baby, and don't let others smoke around your baby.
5. **Keep your baby's sleep area close to, but separate from, where you and others sleep.** Your baby should not sleep in a bed or on a couch or armchair with adults or other children, but he or she can sleep in the same room as you. If you bring the baby into bed with you to breast feed, put him or her back in a separate sleep area, such as a bassinet, crib, cradle, or a bedside co-sleeper (infant bed that attaches to an adult bed) when finished.
6. **Think about using a clean, dry pacifier when placing the infant down to sleep,** but don't force the baby to take it. (If you are breastfeeding your baby, wait until your child is one month old or is used to breastfeeding before using a pacifier.)
7. **Do not let your baby overheat during sleep.** Dress your baby in light sleep clothing, and keep the room at a temperature that is comfortable for an adult.
8. **Avoid products that claim to reduce the risk of SIDS** because most have not been tested for effectiveness or safety.
9. **Do not use home monitors to reduce the risk of SIDS.** If you have questions about using monitors for other conditions talk to your health care provider.

Reduce the chance that flat spots will develop on your baby's head: provide "Tummy Time" when your baby is awake and someone is watching; change the direction that your baby lies in the crib from one week to the next; and avoid too much time in car seats, carriers, and bouncers.

Babies sleep safest on their backs.



Meet Kamrin Marie Kahkonen, born 06/14/2006 to Suzie and Terry Kahkonen. Kamrin weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 20 inches in length at birth.



Meet Velicity Mae Smith, born 06/16/2006 to Venus Ripley and Scott Smith. Velicity weighed 6 lbs 15 oz and was 19 inches in length at birth.



Meet twin girls, born 06/20/2006 to Nancy Lamb and William Welch. (left) Savanna Rose Welch, weighed 4 lbs 3 oz and was 13 inches in length at birth. (right) Adrianna Lilly Welch, weighed 4 lbs 2 oz and was 13 inches in length at birth.

KBIC-NRD Lake Superior Fishery Assessments in full swing.

Fisheries staff from the KBIC Natural Resources Department (KBIC-NRD) are currently working cooperatively with KBIC and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) Law Enforcement staff, conducting small mesh gill net surveys in Lake Superior. Objectives of these survey efforts include assessing abundance of juvenile lake trout and various forage species, as well as determining lake trout diet habits, growth, age composition, and extent of sea lamprey attacks on lake trout and other captured species.

Small mesh gill nets (2"-3" mesh sizes) are set at various fixed sampling stations in Keweenaw Bay, including Pequaming Point, Jacobsville and Assinins. Nets are typically set for one to three nights, and all fish captured are logged on data sheets and assessed.

KBIC-NRD is particularly interested in determining hatchery lake trout growth and survival. Key methods of identifying hatchery lake trout include looking for fin-clips and scanning each captured trout for presence of a metallic and Coded Wire Tag (CWT) which is inserted into the snout of many lake trout that have been stocked in Lake Superior. KBIC-NRD has stocked thousands of lake trout with CWT's since the early 1990's, and continues to collect

information from recovered CWT's. Trends in lake trout growth, survival and migration can be tracked with the growing KBIC-NRD CWT database, and this information relates directly to prescribing best-management practices for improving the fishery in Keweenaw Bay and Lake Superior.

It is anticipated juvenile lake trout surveys will continue into late August. For more information regarding KBIC-NRD activities, feel free to contact us at (906) 524-5757.

Gene Mensch. KBIC-NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist.



Meet Leigh Ann Cadeau, born 04/28/2006 to Dawn Hueckstaedt and Gerald Cadeau Jr. Leigh weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 18 1/2 inches in length at birth.



GLIFWC Research Vessel moored at Buck's Marina.



Lamprey induced wound on a lake trout captured in Keweenaw Bay.



Shawn Seppanen and Tony Loonsfoot removing captured lake trout from survey net.



Dale Goodreau records data as Shawn and Bill/William Seppanen collect info from captured fish.



Shawn and Bill Seppanen collect a lake trout stomach for diet analysis.

NEW HIRES at KBIC

Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker — Katie Stanaway



Meet Katie Stanaway who was recently hired as the Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker. Katie grew up in Baraga and attended Michigan State University, where she graduated with a degree in Advertising in 2004. She now resides in L'Anse with her

son Reese, age five, and daughter Alayna, age three. Katie states, "I am thrilled to be the new Maternal Child Health Outreach Worker because this position allows me to work closely with the community."

DHHS—Clinical Social Worker—Kathleen Witkowski



Kathleen Witkowski was recently hired as the Clinical Social Worker for Mental Health Services through the KBIC DHHS. Her office is in the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Facility. She will be working along side Dr. Marianne Brady providing direct clinical and therapeutic mental health services. Kathy has over

twenty years of experience working with children, families and adult survivors struggling with the effects of trauma, child abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, foster care / adoption, grief and loss. As a therapist working downstate in the Grand Rapids area, as well as working for the Sault Tribe in Sault Ste Marie, Kathy has provided individual, play, family and group treatment services for people from two-years-old to over sixty years old.

"I look forward to serving the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. I have much respect for what I have seen here so far, the brave people I've met ... there is a strong sense of wanting healing for your community - to grow in healthy ways and provide a strong, positive community for your children. I am honored to have the opportunity to be here. I am hopeful that whatever assistance I can provide will only add in good ways to the healing and growth of community members."

Kathy is Crane Clan and a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Her mother's family lived many places in the Upper Peninsula, mainly in and around St. Ignace. Kathy is originally from the Detroit area and a long time Detroit Tiger fan (even before they were winning). She enjoys being in the woods and water, doing arts and crafts, practicing Aikido (martial art), listening to stories and trying to learn Anishnabemowin. Kathy is learning to sew and can cook huge amounts of chili for any gathering.

The Education Department is pleased to announce the following eight KBIC college graduates for the 2005-06 academic year:

- Carrie Ashbrook, Associate's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Business
- Jean Jokinen, Associate's Degree, Bay de Noc Community College, Business
- Natalie Perrault, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Psychology
- Dale Shalfoe, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Economics
- Emily Steadman, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Nursing
- Delina Soumis, Bachelor's Degree, Northern Michigan University, Community Health
- Sara Mantila, Master's Degree, Michigan Technological University, Biomedical Engineering
- Shirley Brozzo, Master of Fine Arts Degree, Northern Michigan University, Fiction Writing

Congratulations to all of our graduates. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments!

KBIC Even Start Up and Moving

KBIC Even Start, in only their sixth month running, is growing rapidly. Even Start has had inquiries from over 18 eligible families and registers new families weekly. Since Even Start evolved, staff and families have participated in numerous community activities, including the KBIC Head Start Children's Pow-Wow, the KBIC Maawanji'id-ing and the Baraga County Fair.

Even Start is a free family literacy program designed to include Early Childhood Education and Adult Education into one unified program by focusing on the needs of the entire family. Even Start is for parents who do not have their high school diploma or GED and have children under the age of eight. Even Start offers year-round services with flexible times for instructional programs. They also provide free childcare and transportation, including many other support services.

The Even Start program has had a busy summer. Participating families have gone on many field trips that provide the opportunity for families to take a break, spend quality time together, and share learning experiences. Field trips have included the Ojibwa campground, L'Anse Waterfront Marina, KBOCC Children's Play Center and Ojibwa Lanes.

Even Start is currently in the process of building an outdoor play yard, in collaboration with the KBOCC Children's Play Center to offer a greater variety of learning opportunities for families with children. Even Start is in the process of developing a high-quality Early Childhood Education program for children ages birth-five. The program will be based on a nationally recognized curriculum and a scientifically-based reading readiness curriculum. Children of families enrolled in Even Start will be eligible for this preschool program which will be based in Baraga.

Even Start is currently registering new families for the fall. If you would like more information or would like to enroll, please call (906) 353-8161.

Sand Point Cleanup Construction Startup



The Sand Point cleanup project will be starting up sometime during the last two weeks of August. Much of Sand Point is currently covered with copper mining stamp sand waste materials from a former ore processing facility that was located to the north. These stamp sands, originally dumped into Lake Superior, have been carried southward by the lake currents over the years and been deposited at Sand Point. The KBIC Natural Resource Department has been working with the Tribal Council, the Natural Resource Committee, U.S. EPA, USDA, the Great Lakes Commission, private contractors and others for a number of years, conducting environmental assessment work and evaluating cleanup options for the property. The cleanup plan selected consists of construction of a soil cap, six-ten inches in thickness, over approximately 35 acres of stamp sands. The original plan was to construct a soil cap over 45 acres, but sufficient funding could not be secured for this option. The soil cover will be vegetated following construction. Prior to construction of the soil cap, the stamp sands will be regraded to allow for proper drainage from the site. In addition to construction of a soil cap and revegetating, additional activities will include road improvements on the road north of the KBIC Tire Shop, construction of walking trails, construction of parking areas and construction of snowmobile lake access points.

The project is being funded with EPA Brownfield Cleanup program funds, EPA Brownfield Response Program funds, Great Lakes Commission funding and KBIC matching funds. In addition, USDA is providing funding through their Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program for other vegetative plantings to be completed which should help add some vegetative diversity to the area. The soil cover material is being provided by KBIC as part of the matching grant contribution and will be obtained from a location in the Ojibwa Industrial Park. Access to parts of the Sand Point property will be restricted during construction activities for safety purposes. Some temporary fencing will be installed. There will be increased traffic in the area due to the construction.

Sand Point file materials, including environmental site assessments and other reports, are available for public review at the KBIC Natural Resource Department. In addition to this project, the Natural Resource Department is in the process of developing a Tribal Brownfield Response Program. This is a program designed to identify and address properties with environmental issues of concern within the Reservation boundaries or on other KBIC properties. A website has recently been developed by the Natural Resource Department that briefly describes the Brownfield's program. This site can be accessed at http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/NR/natural_resources.htm. If you have questions about Sand Point, reviewing file materials, or the Brownfields Program please contact Todd Warner at (906) 524-5757 x13.

Community Calendar - SEPTEMBER 2006

Baby Safety Month
Nat'l Alcohol & Drug Addiction Recovery Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.		Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.			1	2
3	4 Labor Day Holiday, Tribal Gov't businesses closed.	5 GreenPath Credit Counseling 8am-4pm	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 1st Step Counselor at Anishanaabe Anokii Center 8am-4pm	14	15 AIEDF Indian-preneur Training	16 AIEDF Indian-preneur Training
17 AIEDF Indian-preneur Training	18	19 GreenPath Credit Counseling 8am-4pm	20	21	22 Michigan Indian Day, Tribal Gov't businesses are closed.	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

NATIVE AMERICAN LAWYER TO SPEAK AT UNITED CONFERENCE

Gerald Hill, a private consultant in tribal government and Native language activism, will be a keynote speaker at the UNITED—Uniting Neighbors in the Experience of Diversity—Conference to be held Sept. 17-19 at Northern Michigan University.

Hill previously served as the chief counsel for the Oneida Tribe for more than 20 years. He was responsible for coordinating all legal services for the Oneida Tribe, including representation of Indian child welfare cases and tribal school issues. He is currently serving his fifth term as president of the Indigenous Language Institute.

Former photojournalist Jim Hubbard will also be a keynote speaker. In 1989, he created Shooting Back, an organization dedicated to empowering children at risk by teaching the photography.

The purpose of UNITED is to affirm diversity as an important value at NMU. Other keynote speakers, including radical activist and philosopher Angela Davis, will be in attendance. Entertainment will be provided by Grammy Award-winning reggae band Gizzae, as well as Native American drummers, singers, and dancers.

UNITED will be held in collaboration with Lake Superior State University, Michigan Technological University, and various Upper Peninsula community colleges. For more information contact Judith Puncocar at 227-1366 or jpuncoch@nmu.edu.

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Presentation on
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Mike Beiring, CAC II, CDVC II

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JoAnne Racette

For more information or to register please
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Women's Resistance Training
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Landis Wood, a sophomore, for his achievement of Spring Semester Honor List at Central Michigan University. Landis is a L'Anse native and is the son of Richard (Woody) Wood and grandson of Louella Wood. You must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher to receive this honor status. Good job, Landis, keep up the good work.



BARAGA COUNTY FAIR CANDIDATE

Michelle Wood was chosen as a candidate for the Baraga County Fair Queen, and placed as second runner up on 08/11/06. She is 16 years old and the daughter of Richard (Woody) Wood and the granddaughter of Louella Wood of L'Anse, MI. Michelle enjoys participating in a variety of sports, such as Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Bowling, and Cheerleading at L'Anse High School. She is also involved in Youth In Government, Year Book and is a 4H member. She enjoys photography, dancing, sports, writing, and traveling. She plans to attend college after graduating from high school to pursue a career in a photography field.

If you'd like submit information for publication, contact Lauri Denomie at (906) 201-0263 or email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.

Frog and Toad Surveys Help KBIC-NRD Monitor Wetland Health.



This spring and early summer, staff from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department (KBIC-NRD) have actively collected information regarding frogs and toads in several Baraga County wetlands lying on the KBIC-Reservation.

There are 13 recognized frog and toad species in Michigan. Concern regarding apparent reductions in several of these species resulted in the development of monitoring programs aimed at establishing long-term abundance and distribution data-sets. Frogs and toads (anurans) are sensitive to environmental disturbances, and can be used as effective tools in monitoring wetlands/ ecosystem health. They in essence can serve mankind as ecological “canaries in the cage”.

Each species of anuran has its own distinct call. Call types and densities can be used at each surveyed wetland to estimate species diversity and abundance. Additionally, certain anurans begin calling earlier in the spring than others. Three spring/ early summer visits to each focal wetland, a minimum of 15 days apart, better assure a dataset that completely accounts for seasonal changes in calling populations of anurans.

KBIC-NRD, as a result of annual frog and toad surveying at more than 10 wetlands around the KBIC-Reservation, has established a long-term dataset that is well over a decade old, and will continue monitoring local wetlands health by studying Michigan’s 13 species of frogs and toads.

For more information about wetland surveys, feel free to contact KBIC-NRD at (906) 524-5757.

Gene Mensch. KBIC-NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Gerald A. Morro Sr.

(June 21, 1950—August 3, 2006)

Gerald A. Morro Sr., 56, of Chicago, Illinois, walked on, Thursday, August 3, 2006, at the Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. He was born June 21, 1950, in Chicago, IL, a son of Henry and Lucille (Loonsfoot) Morro and had been a lifelong Chicago resident. Gerald worked for several years as a firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department. He was a veteran, having served in the US Marine Corps. Gerald was a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and enjoyed sports and golf as leisure activities.

He is survived by a son, Gerald A. Morro Jr., daughter Stacey L.; loving lifelong partner, Vivian Distel; grandchild, Andrew; siblings, Carol, Herb, Bob, Rich, Daniel and Jackie; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and a brother, Raymond Morro.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, August 10, 2006, in the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins with Rev. Augustine George officiating. Jacobson Funeral Home assisted the family with arrangements.

Ojibwa Community Library

Rose Edwards has donated more audio books on CD to the library. Thank you so much Rose!

A reminder to all Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Students—please make sure to get your college ID. You must show it to the library director prior to making copies for your classes.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



Vocabulary

mawinzo - he picks berries
minan - berries/blueberries
odeminan - strawberries
miskiwiminan - raspberries
odatagamin - blackberries

shawbomin - gooseberry
gozigwakominan - June berries
bawa’iminan - pin cherries
mishiminag - apples
pagesanag –plums

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Yellow Plains, 2004



Mission Road, 2004



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JoAnne Racette, KBIC Ojibwa Community College Native American Studies Instructor

KBIC YOUTH RAFFLE WINNERS

Tickets were sold by KBIC Youth Club members throughout the reservation for the past month. A public drawing was held at the tribal center on July 26th.

1st prize for \$200— Richard Semasky
2nd prize for \$100— Jim Mayo
3rd prize for \$50— Mary Messer
4th prize for \$25— Shirley Zasadnyj

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Featured Business of the Month
All Purpose Drywall



All Purpose Drywall is the Anishinaabe Anokii featured business of the month. The company was formed by Tim (Migz) Mayo two years ago. Tim performs drywall finishing, texturing, and repair of drywall. He has 30 years experience in the industry. Tim began his career in the construction of the Tribal Housing Projects, and has fine tuned his talents ever since, having a reputation of being one of the most proficient finishers in the area. He gives free estimates on all work. Call Tim at (906) 353-6765.

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A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.



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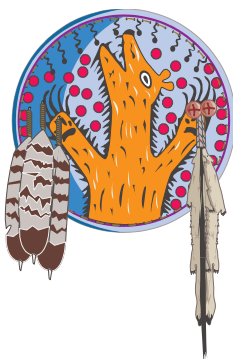
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Welsh Honored at New Day Powwow

The New Day Fifth Annual Powwow was held on Saturday and Sunday, August 19-20, 2006, at the Ojibwa Powwow Grounds on US 41 in Baraga, Michigan. Grand entries were held on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. This year New Day honored KBIC member Doug Welsh, who was presented with a beautiful blanket on Saturday afternoon by Paul Halverson and Jerry Curtis of New Day. Doug began his road to recovery on October 20, 1976. He has had numerous obstacles along this road. One that stands out above the rest is the physical, mental and emotional handicaps he lives with everyday of his life resulting from a traumatic injury he received as a victim of a drunk driver. Doug focuses on spreading the word of the dangers of alcoholism and what it may do to the person, the ones they love or even a perfect stranger. He lives one day at a time. Doug was emotionally moved and honored to be acknowledged and allowed to speak at this Powwow.

Host Drum were the Sons of the Three Fires of Gun Lake, MI. Invited drums were Tree Town of Ann Arbor, MI, and the Traveling Loons of Kesheena, WI. Four Thunders was our home drum. Lester Drift (Bose Forte, MN and Zeba) was Head Man Dancer and Melissa McGeshick (LVD) Watersmeet, MI was the Head Woman Dancer. The event was emceed by George Madosh. Free camping was available throughout the weekend.

Miigwetch to R.D. Curtis for the beautiful pictures that follow.



Special points of interest:

- Doug Welsh Honored at New Day Powwow
- Parade of Nations
- Sam Hornish Jr., wins Indy 500
- KBIC—Playing In The Mud
- Superior Pizza's Co-Ed Team takes Third Place at Ho-Chunk
- Gaming Commissioner Named
- Community Drug Alert Bulletin
- Pandemic Flu Planning Checklist
- New Hires at KBIC
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13-Part Television Series Showcases Unique American Indian Cultures



Fargo, No. Dakota, August 28, 2006 – Production schedules have been set for *Indian Pride*, a 13-part cultural magazine to be aired on PBS stations in February 2007. *Indian Pride* will spotlight the diverse cultures of American Indian people throughout the country. Prairie Public Television of Fargo, North Dakota, will produce the weekly magazine in cooperation with Circle of Nations Publishing of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

"This unprecedented series is the first venture of its kind to be produced for a mass United States audience," stated Bob Dambach of Prairie Public Television. "Previous attempts to tell the story of American Indian culture have been limited to one or two-part episodes that have only been able to provide a small glimpse of the rich history and culture of our Native peoples. We are very pleased to partner with JuniKae Randall of Circle of Nations Publishing to bring this historic event to the American public. As host for the magazine, JuniKae will bring an in-depth and personal perspective to the stories we tell."

The 13-week magazine will focus on a specific theme each week that will be of interest to all people. Future programs will highlight Indian Treaties and Sovereignty, Spirituality, Health and Healing, Culture and Celebrations, as well as the coverage of critical issues of government, economic development, politics and education.

Each 30-minute episode will include three distinct segments: mini-documentaries shot on location at events held on reservations and around other parts of Indian country; in-studio segments featuring discussion of current issues by nationally-known American Indian guests; and original and cultural performances featuring traditional and contemporary artists, as well as storytellers.

Indian Pride is the vision of JuniKae Randall, founding director of Circle of Nations Publishing. Randall is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and grew up on the reservation in North Dakota. Randall left the reservation shortly after high school to follow her dreams. That journey led her to pursue a higher education to accomplish her goals. She holds a Masters Degree in Education Administration from the University of North Dakota and is a motivational speaker, songwriter and performer. Throughout her life experiences, she has always remembered and honored her Indian Pride.

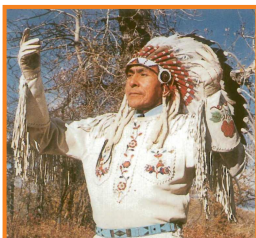
As she perceived the role of media in our culture, she was disappointed to find no place in the endless coverage of news, entertainment and sports that included American Indians. "I wanted to change the landscape, creating a television program that would showcase the 562 Indian Nations and profile our rich heritage with current accomplishments," Randall stated. "Innovative and in-depth content that would receive national distribution and fully integrate with schools via a website so teachers could share the knowledge with their students. *Indian Pride* was the natural title for this idea."

The development and production of *Indian Pride* is a major undertaking on behalf of several prominent members of the American Indian community throughout the country. Harold "Gus" Frank is the Chairman of the Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin. Frank has been selected to serve as Board Chairman of the *Indian Pride* Advisory Board. "The *Indian Pride* TV Series is a great opportunity for Indians, Native Americans, and Indigenous people to tell in their words why and how we got to be where we are today. With JuniKae's vision, Prairie Public Television can use the media to share our history with the world," stated Frank.

The Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Board, Chief Earl Old Person, Chief of the Blackfeet Nation, welcomes this broadcast opportunity because "...It is education and communication that builds bridges, open hearts and creates greater harmony among people. As American Indians, we are known for our strong value of sharing. It is a good time to share our beautiful culture from every corner of Indian Country with the world."

Production schedules and locations along with more information on topics and guests will be announced within the next few months. The program will reach out to a number of reservations and tribes throughout the country as the segments are shot and produced for broadcast this winter. *Indian Pride* will be distributed to PBS television stations nationwide through NETA. The world premiere of the 13-week series is scheduled for February 3, 2007. Contact your local PBS station for broadcast dates and times.

The Advisory Board for *Indian Pride* includes:



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In addition to a roster of PBS programs, Prairie Public has been a leader in providing locally produced award-winning programs that examine important issues that affect the lives of viewers in the United States and Canada.

ADDITIONAL COLLEGE GRADUATE



Last month the Education Dept. reported eight KBIC college graduates for the 2005-06 academic year. We are pleased to add one more — **Angela Danison** received a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Northern Michigan University. Congratulations Angela!

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Rosemary Williams

(April 28, 1945—September 5, 2006)

Rosemary Williams, 61, of Green Bay, died peacefully at a local nursing home on September 5, 2006. Born on April 28, 1945, in Baraga, Michigan, she is the daughter of the late John and Theresa (Miller) Loonsfoot. On June 21, 2003, she married John Williams in Green Bay. Rosemary worked with her husband at Mary Morgan Printing in Green Bay, for a number of years. She enjoyed shopping, bowling, doing puzzles with her husband and spending time with her family—especially her grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Rosemary is survived by her husband, John; six children, Pamla Mae Loonsfoot of Baraga, MI; John Loonsfoot of Marquette, MI; Paul Loonsfoot of Green Bay, WI; Russell Elk of Appleton, WI; John Jacker of Appleton, WI; and Joseph Jacker of Baraga, MI; 14 grandchildren; two sisters, Margaret McCart and Dorothy (Duane) Ehlinger, both of Green Bay; many nieces and nephews.

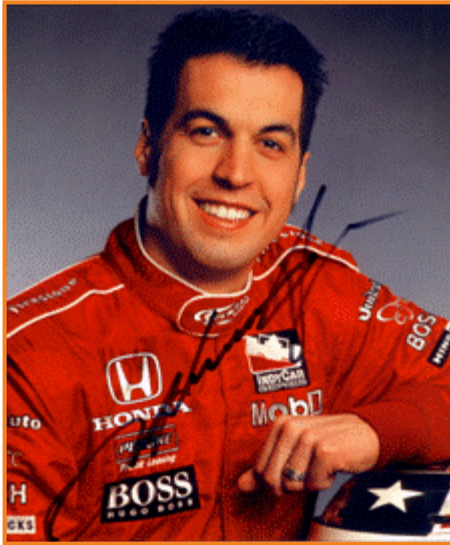
She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Yvette Marie Treviono; one sister Virginia Nicholson; one brother-in-law, James McCart. Private services were held at West Mason Malcore Funeral Home and Crematory.

National Gaming Commissioner Training Held At KBIC



The Tribe hosted a National Gaming Commissioner Training put on by the National Indian Gaming Association on September 11, 12, and 13, 2006. The trainings were held in the Casino meeting rooms and there were over thirty people in attendance representing Tribes from across the country.

There were tribes from Washington, New York, Conn., Minnesota, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Iowa, New Mexico, Idaho, and Michigan. Upon completion of the training those in attendance were presented with a certificate by Megan Taylor of the National Indian Gaming Association Seminar Institute to show that they were certified Gaming Commissioners. Those in attendance from the Tribe were the three new gaming Commissioners Dale Shalifoe, Jim Rasanen, and Michael Duschene as well as commission staff members John Bussey and Michael Cardinal.



HORNISH'S UNBELIEVABLE FINISH FOR THE WIN.

Did you know the 2006 Indianapolis 500 winner Sam Hornish Jr., is a descendant of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community? Sam is the son of KBIC member JoEllen Hornish (Sam Hornish Sr.) and the grandson of Cecelia Owens of Baraga, Michigan. Sam was raised in Defiance, Ohio, where he currently resides with his wife, Crystal. Sam won the Indy 500 this past May, at the age of 26.

A member of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway's radio network stated what Sam did was unbelievable. "For him to find a way to make that pass coming around Turn Four was incredible and to watch a guy who is that good and to see him win that way so many times, it's not coincidence. I really believe you're looking at the next four-time winner of the Indy 500. All he had to do was kick the door open."

Hornish earned the honor to have his visage placed on the 64½-inch-tall trophy after his last-lap pass of Marco Andretti, which won him the 2006 Indianapolis 500 race in May. The Borg-Warner Trophy rarely leaves its home at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, but the trophy was

recently in Washington when Sam, his wife Crystal and the Marlboro Team Penske racing contingent met with President George W. Bush at the White House.

In October of 2000, Hornish was chosen by Pennzoil and Panther Racing to fill the Indian Racing Northern Lights Series seat vacated by Indy veteran Scott Goodyear for the 2001 season. Sam started racing about the time most kids are riding bicycles no-handed. Hornish has impressed the racing community in virtually all forms of racing that he has competed in. Sam compiled nearly 40 victories including several national and international championships in the World Karting Association and International Karting Federation. After graduating from Karts, he ran in the US F2000 series prior to moving into the professional ranks in 1999, in the internationally renewed Toyota Atlantic Pro Series. In the Atlantics, he finished 7th in the season point standings and was named "Rookie of the Year." In 2000, Sam passed his Indy Racing League driver's test and competed in eight races, including the Indianapolis 500. In 2004, he signed with Peske. What this young man has achieved at his age is a tremendous accomplishment! See www.samhornish.com, the official website of Sam Hornish. Miigwetch to Cecelia Owens for the pictures and information.



Indy 500 winner, Sam Hornish Jr, shakes hands with President Bush. His wife, Crystal and members of his team were present on this occasion.

KBIC-NRD Assists USFWS, GLIFWC in Sea Lamprey Control Effort.

2006, marks the first time in which members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department (KBIC-NRD) have taken a direct role in researching and controlling sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*) populations in the western Lake Superior region. This past spring, KBIC-NRD assisted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) Sea Lamprey Control Center and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) in maintaining and monitoring an adult sea lamprey trap on the Silver River. Adult sea lamprey ascend this river to spawn from Huron Bay. The parasitic eels then die, thus completing their life cycle in a similar way to Pacific salmon. The sea lamprey trap set in the Silver River allows researchers to estimate the size of the migrating adult lamprey population and also serves as an effective means to destroy adult lamprey before they can spawn.



Sea lamprey are considered a persistent threat to Great Lakes fisheries stocks and are estimated to kill more lake trout than the combined commercial and sport fisheries. Multi-Agency research efforts are indicating recent spikes in lamprey abundance throughout the Upper Great Lakes, and it is imperative that monitoring and control efforts continue in the battle against this exotic species.

For more information on sea lamprey and ongoing control measures, feel free to contact the KBIC-NRD at (906) 524-5757.

Gene Mensch — KBNRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist.



Above, Shawn Seppanen and Mike LaPointe, KBNRD Technicians maintain a lamprey trapping device on the Silver River.

Calendar of Events for October 2006 KBIC Youth Center

- October 2nd - Gymnastics begins 4 -9 p.m. every Monday & Wednesday
- October 4th - KBIC Youth Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Gymnastics, 4 – 9 p.m.
- October 7 & 8th - Hunter Safety Classes by GLIFWC (Register at GLIFWC – 353-7789)
- October 9th - KBIC YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING – 6:30 p.m. ***
(Election of Youth Council for 06-07 school year)
- October 11th - Women's Self Defense Class by Healthy Start/DHHS – 7-9 p.m. (no gymnastics)
- October 12th - Healthy Start/Women's Circle Activity, 4:30 – 5:30p.m.
- October 16 - Gymnastics, 4-9 p.m.
- October 18th - Gymnastics, 4-9 p.m.
- October 21st - KBIC YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTIES**
Grades K – 5 will be held from 1 o'clock till 3 p.m.
Grades 6 -12 will be held from 8 p.m. – 12 a.m.
(11 y/o must leave at 10:00 p.m. – See related article)
- October 23rd - Gymnastics, 4-9 p.m.
- October 25th - Gymnastics, 4-9 p.m.
- October 26th - Hoop Dancer at Baraga & L'Anse Schools (sponsored by MTU)
- Healthy Start/ Women's Circle Activity, 4:30 – 5:30
- MTU Native American Speaker's Forum Field Trip (Information to be posted in schools)
- October 31st - No Gymnastics - Halloween

*Call Carole LaPointe, Youth Director at 353-4643, or email her at clapointe@kbic-nsn.gov for further information or if you need a ride. If you would like to be a chaperone for youth events, please call Carole. All volunteers/chaperones are now requested to record their time donated. Regular office hours are held 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Volunteers, who will be preparing food in the Youth kitchen, need to have a TB skin test. Please have your test done at the Health Clinic on a Monday or Tuesday, as they need to be checked 2-3 days after administration. Call Carole for details.

Tribal Radon Poster Contest

Who: Tribal Youth, ages 9-14

Deadline: October 15, 2006

What: Poster Contest, Two categories (Computer-generated) and (Hand-drawn)

Content: The statewide contest highlights the risk posed by indoor exposure to radon. The entrants to the contest will help to educate the public about radon, which the US Surgeon general has warned is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer after cigarette smoking and the #1 cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Winner receives a trip to Washington, D. C. Winners will be unveiled at an awards ceremony in Washington D.C. in January 2007.

See the following websites for more information: www.nsc.org/issues/radon, www.nsc.org/issues/radon/faq.htm, <http://www.epa.gov/radon>, <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/radon/myths/html>, http://www.aarst.org/radon_risk.shtml, <http://energy.cr.usgs.gov/radon/georadon.html>, <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tfacts14.html>

NEW HIRES at KBIC

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Dale Dakota Sr., — Chief of Police

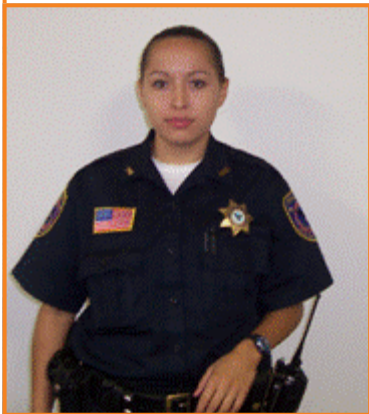


Dale Dakota has recently been hired by the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Council as the Keweenaw

Bay Indian Community's Chief of Police. Dale is the son of Fred Dakota and Amelia Sapcut. He is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and has been employed by the KB Tribal Police for fourteen years, the last eleven as Sergeant. Dale states, "With my years of experience working the road patrol, I'm aware of some of the problems facing our community today and will be working hard to rectify these problems. My goals are to better our community and address the problems at hand. My door is always open for new ideas and concerns of the community."

I'm a husband, father and grandfather. My hobbies are hunting and fishing, gardening and bowling."

Miranda Voakes — KBIC Tribal Police Officer



Meet Officer Miranda Voakes. Miranda is the daughter of Robert and Valerie Voakes and was born and raised here on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Reservation. She graduated from L'Anse High School in 2003, and has been attending Northern Michigan University for the last three years. She was accepted into the

Northern Michigan University Regional Police Academy last Spring. NMURPA lasted 16 weeks, which included military protocol, precision driving, firearms training, criminal law, defensive tactics, police tactics and intense physical training. Upon completion of the academy, Miranda became certifiable as police officer through Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). Miranda states, "In the completion of the academy, I have finished my credits and will be receiving my Associates of Applied Science Degree in Law Enforcement. I will continue to work on my Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice, but at this time, I will be focusing on starting my career as a Law Enforcement Officer. As a new member of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department, I hope to bring my knowledge and training to great use. I am dedicated to this position and hope to bring a positive change to this community. I am very honored to be able to serve our people and will do so with respect and great pride."

Colleen DeRoche — Secretary/Dispatcher



Anin, my name is Colleen DeRoche. I am a KBIC Tribal member, residing in Zeba. I have lived here most of my life, except for a short period of time from 1997 to 2004, at which time I was attending college at NMU.

I have worked for our community for a little over sixteen years. In the early 1980's, I went to Bay Mills Community to take classes for a Tribal Bookkeeper. Upon my return, our CEO at that time had a job waiting for me. I worked in our Accounting Office off and on while they were looking for funding to make my job permanent. On the lay-off times, I worked within the Ojibwa Casino as a dealer. Around 1985-1986, I was working in the Accounting Office, as a bookkeeper for the Enterprises, we branched off from the Tribal Center and moved to the Enterprise Accounting Office where I was employed as Revenue Recap Specialist until 1995. Since 2004, upon my return to the community, I have been employed as the Front Desk Secretary/Receptionist until I accepted this position with the KB Tribal Police Department.

I am on the Youth Committee and the Pow-wow Committee where I have been busy volunteering with whatever needs to be done. I helped Doreen Blaker coach a young girl's softball team during the early summer months. My interests are needle-point, sewing, beading when I get the urge to, watching college women's fast-pitch softball on TV, and bowling.

I have been married three years to John DeRoche, who is from the Marquette area. I have a son, Joshua Emery who lives in Marquette with my daughter-in-law Tricia and their two boys Lil Josh and Eli. I have three daughters, Carmen Emery of Gwinn, Jenelle (Nellie) Emery of Iron Mountain with soon to be, son-in-law Tom Hooper and a son Draven, and Melissa McSawby, still at home and is a senior this year. I have one granddaughter, Kara Lee Hendra of Ishpeming. As you can see my life centers around family and the community. Colleen is sure to be an asset to the KB Tribal Police Department.

Amy Divine — KBIC Tribal Police Officer



Meet Officer Amy Divine. Amy was recently hired by the KB Tribal Police Department and will be stationed in our Marquette Trust Property area. Amy is the daughter of Norman Harris of Painesdale and Donna Harris of Grand Rapids, MI. She has brothers, cousins, aunts and uncles all in the Keweenaw area. Amy graduated from Hancock Central High School in 1988. She served in the United States Navy from 1989-1996—a Gulfwar Vet. She moved to Mississippi and worked in law enforcement since 2000. She worked at the Canton Police Dept., Madison Police Dept. and the Madison County Sheriffs Dept. She also has four years experience in corrections.

"I have four children who are the joy of my life," Amy stated. "I will do my best to serve this Community with honor and respect. I enjoy working law enforcement and hope my experiences will be an asset to the Community. I am honored by being hired to work for this Dept., and I will do my best to protect and serve the Community."

Carole LaPointe — Youth Director



Carole LaPointe started August 14, 2006, as Youth Facility Coordinator for the tribe. Carole is glad to be back working for the tribe in this capacity. Carole brings over ten years experience in program management and grant writing skills to the position, as well as being a registered nurse for the last 20 years and will be working closely with the KBIC Youth advisory committee to reach the goals of the program.

The goal of the KBIC Youth Program is to work continually to improve the quality and quantity of programs/services provided to our KBIC tribal youth. The vision of the KBIC Youth program, (in conjunction with the KBIC Strategic Plan, approved by the KBIC Tribal Council in October 2005), is to increase opportunities for our youth and mentoring programs, to ensure that our youth are involved and successful in school, home and community. We will do this by implementing programs that allow a variety of activities for all interests, while promoting increased self-esteem and knowledge of our traditional ethics and pride in our Aniishnaabe culture and language to decrease racism and the negative self-image that results from it.

Activities planned for the 06-07 fiscal year, include a variety of fundraisers, recreational programming, educational field trips, health/educational programming, and the annual Youth trip. Please see the KBIC Youth Building Calendar in this issue. KBIC Youth Council Meetings, for all youth, grades 7-12, are held the second Monday of each month. Please keep checking the Youth Club link on the www.ojibwa.com website. We also hope to have an interactive site soon, on www.myspace.com to keep in touch with all tribal youth and have them keep in touch with us!

Ojibwa Housing Authority Homebuyer Informational Meeting And Training Session

Wednesday, October 4th, & Tuesday, October 17th, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

You must call Christine or Natalie to register — 524-5514

We provide step by step information for anyone thinking of purchasing a home now or in the future.



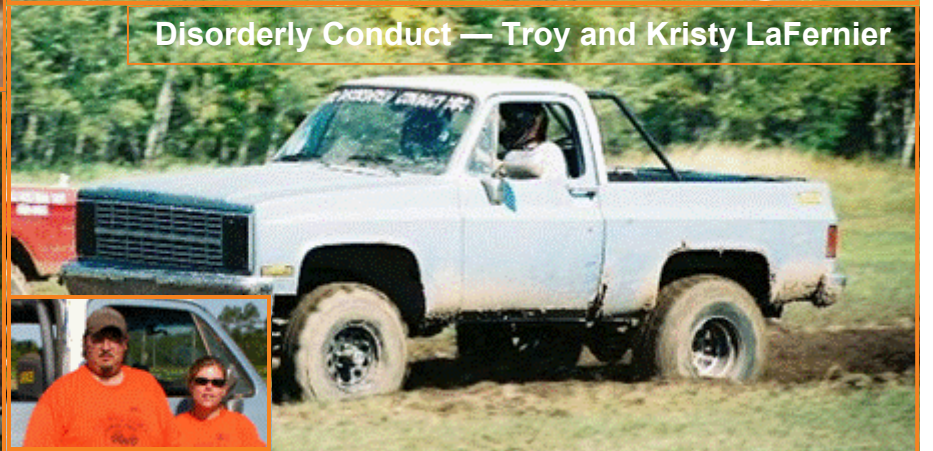
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Feeling Lucky — Dan Koski



Mudvayne — Weylin Haataja



Disorderly Conduct — Troy and Kristy LaFernier



Under Pressure — Rhea Koski and D.J. Dakota



Crazy Horse — Brandy and Tom Chosa

Several KBIC members participate in the U.P. Mud Drag Association, a non-profit organization. It is run by a 20-person board of directors who volunteer their time to this association. Dan Koski is the U.P. Mud Drag Association President and has been an active member of the UPMDA since 2000. Dan was the first member of the Koski family to join the association. Dan drives "Feeling Lucky," a 1985 Chevy Silverado in three classes; small tire improved stock, big tire improved stock and also super stock. Dan is presently first and second in points this year and has accumulated over 100 trophies since 2000.

The association travels throughout the U.P. to various locations for side by side racing on a 180-foot-track with 18 inches of mud that gets deeper as the day goes on. They race rain or shine and travel as far away as Newberry. This year a race was held at the Marquette County Fair, which was the first race ever held at that location and was sponsored by the UPMDA. This organization holds an estimated ten races each year throughout the U.P., where racers participate for cash and trophies.

Don Koski has been an active member since 2001. Don is the owner of the 1978 Dodge Ram, "Under Pressure." Don drove "Under Pressure" for two years and raced in the pro stock and super stock classes. Rhea Koski, Don's daughter, started driving this truck in 2001. Rhea drove along with him in the women's super stock. He then turned "Under Pressure" over to Rhea and D.J. Dakota to drive. Rhea has drove in the pro stock and women's super stock classes since 2002, and has been an active board member for three years. She currently is the UPMDA treasurer. Don is busy building a buggy this year; it is also referred to as a rail car. He is not quite finished with it yet—and you won't get to see any pictures of it until its debut next Spring.

D.J. Dakota has been an active member since 2002, and races "Under Pressure." He has been a board member for three years and is the current track rep.

Brandy Koski Chosa has been an active member since 2002. She drives a 1979 Ford Bronco, "Crazy Horse." Brandy has been a board member since 2004, and is the current Secretary and Assistant Points Director. Brandy is in third place in points for the women's super stock class.

Tom Chosa also drives "Crazy Horse." He has been an active member since 2002. Tom races in the small tire improved stock class and is currently in eleventh place. He also races in super stock and holds fifth place in the point standings for that class. Tom is the 2006 UPMDA Points Director.

Troy and Kristy LaFernier have been active members since 2002. They drive a Chevy Blazer. Troy is a 2006 UPMDA Track Rep. and Kristy is the UPMDA Publicity Director. Troy drives in the small tire improved stock and is currently in tenth place. He also races in big tire improved stock and holds ninth place in that class. Kristy races in big tire stock and holds seventh place in her class. She also races in women's stock and is in fourth place.

Weylin Haataja has been an active member since 2002. Weylin drives a 1989 Chevy Silverado x-cab, "Mudvayne." He races street stock and is currently in third place.

Brandy Chosa states, "I guess why we all race is because it is fun. The side by side racing is really exciting. The best part about it, is being able to floor it and see the mud fly. I think that is the best part anyways. It is a true adrenaline rush."

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**Environmental Response Program Specialist –
Katherine Kruse**



Hello, my name is Katherine Kruse. I am originally from Coldwater, Michigan and moved to Chassell, Michigan about three years ago. I have two children, a 7-year-old son, Jacob, and a 4-year-old daughter, Kara. I received my Master's degree in 2005, from Michigan Technological University in Environmental Policy.

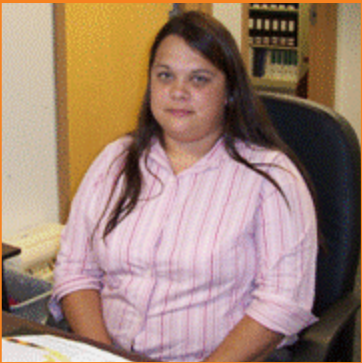
I enjoy the natural environment, hiking, snowshoeing, reading, and spending time with my kids. "I'm really excited to work for the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resource Department and look forward to helping enhance and protect the magnificent natural resources in the area."

**Target Blood Glucose Goals
What Should My Numbers Be?**

Target Blood Glucose	Goal	Take Action mg/dL
NON-PREGNANT		
BEFORE MEALS	80-120	< 80 - > 140
2 HOURS AFTER	100-180	> 180
BEDTIME	100-140	< 100 - > 160
HEMOGLOBIN A1C	< 6%	> 6%
PREGNANCY		
BEFORE MEALS	60 - 105	> 105
1—2 HOURS AFTER	< 120	> 120
HEMOGLOBIN A1C	< 6%	> 6%
EXCEPTION: CHILDREN, ELDERLY, THOSE WITH HYPO- GLYCEMIA UNAWARE- NESS, AND FREQUENT SEVERE HYPOGLYCE- MIA.	100—200	> 200

**If Your Blood Sugar Is Not Within These Target Goals,
Contact The KBIC Diabetes Program at 353-4559/353-4519**

**Brandy Chosa — Gaming Commission
Secretary**



Meet Brandy Chosa who was recently hired as the new Gaming Commission Secretary. Brandy states, "I am very interested in learning about the Gaming Commission and what it is all about."

Brandy is a part-time student at the Ojibwa Community College this fall, working toward a degree in Liberal Arts. She is also the Secretary of the U.P. Mud Drag Association, where both she and her husband, Tom, are devoted members and race a minimum of eight races throughout the U.P. from Spring to Fall.

Brandy lives in Baraga with her husband, Tom, and their two girls, Paige, age twelve, and Devin age ten. Paige and Devin are students at the Philip LaTendress Elementary and Middle School.

Steve Cadeau — Probation Officer



Steven J. Cadeau Sr. is the new Tribal Probation Officer. Steve has worked the last five years as a Families First Worker, covering the KBIC and LVD Tribes, as well as the rest of the Western U.P. Steve previously worked for the Tribe years ago as a J.O.M. Counselor. He is happy to return.

Steve has lived in Baraga all his life. He is the son of John Cadeau Sr. and Rosella Cadeau. Steve is married to Sue Cadeau, has three grown children, Steve Jr. who lives in Escanaba, David in Gaylord, Eric in Newberry and two wonderful grandchildren, Kaylee and Brian. Steve has a B.A. Degree, 20 credit hours in Guidance and Counseling, and has training in numerous areas, including Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Neglect, Early Childhood Education, Parenting, and Substance Abuse and the effect on families.

Steve's hobbies include reading, woodworking, home remodeling, fishing, hunting and exploring the outdoors.

**Gaming
Commissioner Named**



John Bussey, Executive Director Gaming Commission, has announced that Jennifer Misegan has resigned her position on the Gaming Commission on 08/24/06. Dale Shalfoe has been named by the Tribal Council as her replacement as a Gaming Commissioner. Our three Gaming Commissioners are James Rasanen, Mike Duschene and Dale Shalfoe. All three have begun their training, working with the Tribal Council.



“Get your mammograms, but remember, that's not always how they find cancer. Do your breast self exams every month.”

— Ruth Bussey
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians
Breast Cancer Survivor

Ruth is like many American Indian women. She is dedicated to helping others. In fact, Ruth recalls her first thoughts when the doctor told her she had breast cancer.

“I thought, my work at the Medicine Lodge wasn't finished because I hadn't built the dental clinic I had dreamed of for my tribe.” She said.

“Then I caught myself and realized this wasn't about health services or work anymore. This was now about prioritizing my health before anything else.”

As a cancer survivor, Ruth was honored with a “Pink Shawl,” from her community.

SUPERIOR PIZZA TEAM TAKES THIRD IN HO-CHUNK NATION'S CO-ED TOURNAMENT



Pictured are (left to right) Superior Pizza's Co-Ed Team. Front row— Tony Loonsfoot, Everett Ekdahl Jr., Shelia Ekdahl, Peeky St. George, Back row—Teri DeCota, Mike Hazen, Becky Genschow, Alden Connor Sr., Dan Connor, Beth Conner, and Bridgette LaPointe.

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Meet Kayla Ann Lamson, born 08/15/2006, to Chris Ann Saari and Brandon Lamson. Kayla weighed 6 lbs 13 oz and was 19 1/4 inches in length at birth.



Meet Isaiah Peterson, born 08/17/2006, to Brandi Gauthier and Dan Peterson. Isaiah weighed 6 lbs 6 1/2 oz and was 17 inches in length at birth.



Meet Starr Dunleavy, born 09/11/2006, to Crystal Tollefson and Justin Dunleavy. Starr weighed 7 lbs 2 oz and was 18 1/2 inches in length at birth.

Call to Native American Artists

For the Native American Artist Market
Ojibwa Casino Conference Rooms
Ojibwa Casino 797 US 41 Baraga, MI 49908
November 11, 2006 and December 9, 2006

Deadline to sign up: October 21, 2006

For more information please contact the
Anishinabe Anokii staff at 906-524-2222

Arena Directors
Stan Spruce
Head Female Dancer
TBA
Head Male Dancer
TBA
Head Female Dancer (Youth)
TBA
Head Male Dancer (Youth)
TBA
Head Tiny-Tot Female
Daebwae Chosa
Head Tiny-Tot Male
John Messer Jr.

**Michigan Technological University 11th Annual
Spirit of the Harvest Powwow**

Saturday, October 28, 2006
**MTU Gates Tennis Center
Houghton, Michigan**
**Grand Entries
1 pm & 7 pm**

Special Guest Performance
Dallin Maybee,
Northern Arapaho and Seneca,
Hoop Dancer
3:00p.m. & 8:00p.m.

**All Events are Open and
Free to
the Public**

This is an alcohol free event

For information, contact Lori Sherman,
Native American Outreach Coordinator, (906) 487-3692 or lasherma@mtu.edu

Sponsors include DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC), General Motors Corporation Foundation, Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Michigan Technological University's Presidential Commission for Women (PCW), Presidential Advisory Council for Women's Athletics (PACWA), Presidential Commission on Diversity (PCD), Parents Fund, Department of Educational Opportunity, and the MTU/American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)
Michigan Technological University is an equal opportunity educational institution/equal opportunity employer.

Host Drum
TBA
Invited Drums
Four Thunders
Ditibasin
RedBird
Loon Travelers
Head Veteran
Donald Chosa, II
Color Guard
KBIC
Emcee
TBA

Pink Shawl Dance
To create awareness of
breast cancer
4:30-5:00 p.m.
Hosted by MTU/AISES &
Punkin Shananaquet

11th Annual Native American Speakers' Forum
Friday October 27, 2006
MTU MUB Ballroom (3rd floor)

<p>9:30-10:50 a.m. Don & Karlene Chosa Wild Rice Expo 10:50-11:00 a.m. Break 11:00-11:20 a.m. Earl Migration Pattern</p>	<p>11:20-11:50 a.m. AISES (high school) Ecological restoration & Cultural awareness 11:50-12:50 p.m. Lunch Rozsa Lobby Entertainment: TBA</p>
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**Special Appearance
during the Powwow**
Saturday, October 28th, 2006
MTU Gates Tennis Center

Pink Shawl Dancers
Breast Cancer Awareness
4:30 p.m.
Dallin Maybee Hoop Dancer
3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Thunderhand Joe/Singer
4:00 p.m. & 7:45 p.m.

Dallin Maybee is Northern Arapaho and Seneca, and was raised on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation in Western New York. He started inter-tribal dancing and competing at the age of 14. His travels have taken him throughout the world, including: China, Mongolia, the United Kingdom, most of Europe, Qatar in the Middle East, Ecuador, Chile, and extensively throughout the United States. He has traveled with the acclaimed American Indian Dance Theater for the last four years. Their performances have included the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, two specials for Great Performances and PBS, and various theaters and cultural centers worldwide. The

**1:00-1:30
p.m.**
**Thunder-
hand Joe**

**Thunderhand
Joe**
& THE MEDICINE SHOW

blend of traditional and contemporary dance experience explored by the Dance Theater is reflected in his own dance group, The Thunder Being Dancers. Other significant experiences include his participation as part of the production team of the 2002 Winter Olympics Opening Ceremonies where he worked as a consulting choreographer to the 660 members of the Native American cast. He was also given a featured dance performance position while the world watched that opening to one of the worlds greatest sports competitions. Performances are at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

(7) Niizhwaaswi

Children's Pumpkin Refreshments family fun

For Children 10 yrs. Old and Younger

Wednesday, October 25th
from 4:30p.m. to 6:00p.m.

At the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center

Pumpkins and Supplies Provided On A First Come, First Serve Basis

All Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult!

Please Call 353-4511 For More Information

Sponsored by Healthy Start, KBIC CIC Committee and Women's Health Circle Project

Boozhoo Michigan Indian Country!!

A Constitutional Amendment has been placed on November ballot for Michigan voters to consider that would end all affirmative action preferences. The amendment is known as the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative. However, it is not a civil rights initiative. If passed by the Michigan voters, it will have a devastating impact on Michigan Indians, for revised state policies to end affirmative action will actually be put in place.

Both the amendment's title and the wording on the proposed amendment before Michigan voters are confusing and misleading. If voters pass the amendment in November all preferences for women and minorities in the State of Michigan sponsored/supported programming, contracting, and hiring will end. The Michigan Indian Tuition Wavier will in all likelihood be negatively impacted.

If this proposal passes, expect—

- all college and university outreach programs into our communities to end, inclusive of recruiting and summer visitation programs for American Indian students exploring higher education;

- most scholarships and financial aid for our children to end, including the Michigan Indian Tuition Wavier Program, thus expending the large education gap already in place.
- targeted health initiatives into Indian country to cease, thus expanding the egregious health gap suffered by our people;
- targeted housing and lending programs that guarantee American Indians are not discriminated to become illegal.

So don't be fooled, educate yourself and those around you and vote this fall. Per our traditional teachings we are responsible for "seven generations" coming behind us. Let us not fail them. Please take a few minutes of your time to education yourself and those around you on this most important issue. The quickest way to do so, visit: www.oneunitedmichigan.org or call (877) 482-1438.

In addition, One United Michigan is seeking volunteers. If you can help this organization out, please do so.

Bamma-piii to you, and all our relations!!!
Arnie Parish,
Bay Mills Ojibwe

Attention all KBIC Youth, grades 10-12

Are you interested in photography? We will be participating in the "Waaseyaasibii'ige: Writing With Light" photography project, in conjunction with Northern Michigan University, beginning in November 2006 through March 2007. You will be given the opportunity to learn about the world of professional photography and publication of your works!

We need 8-10 students, in grades 10-12 to participate. There will be four photography workshops that the students must attend, (*tentative dates*):

Session #1 – (Tuesday, November 14th) "Getting Started". (1.5 hours) Introduction to the project, disperse Holga camera and film to each student, along with detailed demonstration and instruction sheet.

Session #2 –(Thursday, January 18th) "Making a contact print of students film" (2 hours) – Quick review of technical requirements for print processing.

Session #3 – (Thursday, February 15th) "Printing 8 x 10 inch photographs" (3-4 hours) – Quick review of technical requirements for print processing. Each student will make an 8x10 print for the exhibition in March.

Session #4 – (Thursday, March 15th) "Matting and Framing for Exhibition"(2 hours) – all photographs will be photographed and archived.

This activity is made possible with a CUPPAD grant. Youth participants will be instructed on many aspects of photography from using the camera to framing. Participants will also read and respond in essays so that their photographs may have the opportunity to be further encapsulated through publications. There will be an exhibition of all tribal youth participating at the UP Children's Museum in March 2007.

For more information, or if you wish to participate, please contact Carole LaPointe, Youth Director, at 353-4643 or clapointe@kbic-nsn.gov

"HOOPS FOR HEALTH" REGISTER NOW!



Beginning 9/25/06

**Monday—Friday
12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.**

For all men interested in playing basketball during lunch hour.

Contact Rick Geroux or Yvette Friisvall at 353-4600 to register.

10 week session. Free.

Healthy Start Immunization Blizzard

Your child, who is a Healthy Start Participant as of September 1st, 2006 is eligible to receive a Columbia® Jacket or Snowsuit upon verification of immunizations being up-to-date.

Contact Healthy Start at 353-4543, or 353-4511 to schedule an appointment.

KBIC Medical Clinic sponsors an Immunization Clinic, Thursdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

You may telephone the Clinic at 353-8700 for an appointment. Jackets must be picked up by October 31st.

Offer Valid While Supplies Lasts

"For Current Healthy Start Participants Only"

Women's Self Defense Class

**Wednesday, October
11th
7:00 p.m.— 9:00 p.m.
at the OCC Gymnasium**




**Instructed by
Jay Maki
from
the Karate Institute of
America**

**Knowledge
Peace of Mind**

Limited space available, please call 353-4511 to register or for more info.


Sponsored by GLITC MCH Grant, Diabetes Program Healthy Start, and Women's Health Circle Project

(8) Ishwaaswi



Speakers:
 Becky Tussing, Lead RN/
 KBIC Medical Clinic
 Breast Cancer Survivors
 And more.....

Prize Drawings
 Women are encouraged to wear their
 pink shawls and tea party hats!



Please Join Us For An

Afternoon Tea Party

Tuesday, October 3, 2006
2:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
Ojibwa Senior Center
Baraga, Michigan

October is:
Breast Cancer Awareness Month

This program is sponsored by: AVON Grant, KBIC Diabetes Program, KBIC Healthy Start, KBIC Women's Health Circle



10 Steps to Keep Ahead of Head Lice

- 1) Watch for signs of head lice, such as frequent head scratching. Anyone can get lice, mainly from direct head-to-head contact, sharing hats, brushes, etc.
- 2) Check all family members for lice and nits (lice eggs) at least once a week.
- 3) Be sure not to confuse nits with hair debris. (i.e., dandruff, hair spray droplets or hair casts). Nits are yellowish-white, oval shaped and are attached at an angle to the side of the hair shaft.
- 4) Consult a pharmacist or physician before applying pesticides or other lice treatments if anyone involved is pregnant or nursing, has allergies, asthma, or has nits in the eyebrows or lashes. Never use a pesticide or lice treatment on or near the eyes.
- 5) Consider all of your treatment options. Remember, lice-killing products are pesticides and must be used with caution. If you choose alternative methods, they may not have been studied thoroughly enough to determine long-term outcomes. The only completely safe alternative is manual removal by combing.
- 6) Remove all nits. Separate hair sections and remove nits with a lice comb, baby safe scissors or your fingernails.
- 7) For lice treatment, follow package directions carefully. Use the products over the sink, not in the tub!
- 8) Wash bedding and recently worn clothing in hot water (above 130°F) and dry in high heat for 30 minutes. Combs and brushes should be soaked in hot water (not boiling) for 10 minutes.
- 9) Avoid lice sprays! Vacuuming is the safest and best way to remove lice or fallen hairs with attached nits from furniture, rugs, stuffed animals and car seats.
- 10) Notify your child's school, camp, child-care provider, play partners, and neighborhood parents. Check for lice on a regular basis.

10 Days to Freedom from Head Lice

<p>Day 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify or check all exposed friends and family members. • Treat only those who are infested with live lice or have evidence of nits laid ¼ inch from the scalp. • Wash all bedding, clothing, and toys in hot water (130°F) and dry on high heat for 30 minutes. • Vacuum all carpeting, furniture and car upholstery. <p>Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. <p>Day 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. <p>Day 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. <p>Day 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. 	<p>Day 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. <p>Day 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • If nits or lice are still seen, repeat treatment if indicated by instructions. <p>Day 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. • If nits or lice are still seen, repeat treatment if indicated by instructions. <p>Day 9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • If nits or lice are still seen, repeat treatment if indicated by instructions. <p>Day 10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacuum. • Check all members of home for nits that may have been missed. • Comb/pick nits out of hair. • If nits or lice are still seen, repeat treatment if indicated by instructions.
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**** Some lice treatments may indicate a second treatment after 7 to 10 days. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully and only apply when it is suggested. This chart serves as a reminder only for days 7,8,9, and 10. ****

Keweenaw Bay Indian to Conduct Community Health Phone Survey with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan's Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe project will be conducting a personalized phone survey. The phone survey is called the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) which will be conducted from October through December 2006. Randomly selected KBIC members will be called at their residence to participate.

The objective of the survey is to collect accurate, tribal-specific data on preventive health practices and risk behaviors that are linked to chronic diseases, injuries, and preventable infectious diseases in the NHBP adult population. The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will work with Michigan State University's Institute of Public Policy and Social Research to conduct the survey while incorporating cultural sensitivity and respect. The survey is part of an ongoing effort to assure tribal members throughout Michigan have fair representation in health status data collection.

The eight tribes participating in the Steps program are: Bay Mills Indian Community, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Hannahville Indian Community, Huron Potawatomi Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.


The KBIC, in conjunction with the Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Grant, is asking our tribal members for help. We realize that phone surveys may be inconvenient, but when the time comes, we are requesting that you complete this phone survey on behalf of yourself and fellow tribal members. The survey is completely anonymous, and no one will ever be able to identify you from your responses. Your name or address will never be known. Only your phone numbers will be used to contact you.

You may not receive a call from surveyors, but if you do, please do not hang up on these important people who are conducting this survey. The total amount of surveys completed will assist the KBIC in grant writing efforts which may help our tribe in the future. Please try to participate if you are called. We greatly appreciate your valued time and assistance in this project.

Those who participate in this survey will provide many valuable benefits to the KBIC tribe. The data will be useful when applying for grants, implementing health programs and interventions and in determining how tribal health care systems are working. Anyone with questions concerning the BRFSS can contact NHBP Steps to a Healthier Anishinaabe Program Coordinator, Jonathan Gardner at (269) 966-1101 or e-mail healthed@nhbp.org.

Seeking Three Faces

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community received federal funding in April 2006 to enhance the provision of child support services by developing a full service child support program over the next two years.



Planning and development has commenced and various components are underway. One important component is the development of a program logo. The child support staff, with the assistance of a graphic artist, has designed a draft logo (above right). However, to complete the design, the program is in search of pictures of three community children that can be used as the center of the design to replace the children used in the draft.

If you would like your child(ren) to become a part of the new Office of Child Support Services logo, please submit your photos.

Criteria for submission of photos:

- Age categories for boys or girls are:
 6 months - 12 months
 8 years - 12 years
- Photos must be close up shots (i.e., from the shoulders up) of individual children.
- Various poses of the same child may be submitted (limit is three per child);
- Digital photos are preferred, but hard copy pictures will be accepted.

Deadline for submission is October 31st.

Please submit digital photos to: tami@kbic-nsn.gov

Hard copies of photos or photos on disk may be mailed to:
 Office of Child Support Services
 Attn: Tami Lorbecke
 107 Beartown Rd
 Baraga, MI 49908


Or they can be dropped off at the Office of Child Support Services at 427 N Superior Ave, Baraga, MI.

- There will be no compensation for use of the photos;
- A Photo Subject Consent and Release form must be signed by the legal parent or guardian of each child;
- Photos will be chosen randomly for use in promotional materials (i.e., logo, brochures, posters, etc);
- Original photos may be returned to the owner, however all copies selected for use will become the property of the Office of Child Support Services;
- A small token of appreciation will be given to the three participants chosen for the logo.

Community Calendar - OCTOBER 2006

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Nat'l Breast Cancer Awareness Month

KBIC Youth Program Activity Fund Criteria for Funding — Fiscal Year 06-07 Begins October 1, 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Green Path Credit Counselor 9am-4pm	4 Women's golf begins @ 5 pm, call Heather 353-4546 for information.	5	6	7
8	9 6:30 p.m. Youth Council Meeting (Elections)	10	11 1st Step Counseling	12	13	14
15	16	17 Green Path Credit Counselor 9am-4pm	18	19	20	21 Kid's Hallow- een Party (see page three).
22	23	24	25	26 Hoop Dancer in L'Anse/Baraga schools (see page three)	27	28
29	30	31 Happy Hallow- een. 	Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newslet- ter@kbic-nsn.gov.		

Youth must be a member or descendant of an en-rolled member to qualify for funding.

Each fiscal year, an amount is allotted by the Tribal Council for each child. The amount is currently 125.00 per child. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to keep track of how much is spent from each child's amount per year.

Funding requests are submitted to the Youth Director, who makes out the requisition form and sends to the Accounting Office for processing. *Processing the request takes up to 5 days.* The check can be picked up from the Youth Director.

You **must submit a receipt** for all funding requests, with amount for each child highlighted.

Requests paid must come under the following criteria:

Organized extracurricular activity fees, athletic fees, in or out of school. (Such as basketball, baseball, hockey, gymnastics, skating, skiing, swimming, football, etc.);

Athletic equipment, to be used for team sports;

Sports, Bible and culture camps;

School-related activities – such as Band, Youth in Government, Driver's Education, school pictures, etc.,

School clothes effective October 1, 2006.

For more information, please call the Youth Director at 353-4643, or come to the Youth Office in from 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. Please check the website www.ojibwa.com, go to the KBIC Youth Club link, for updates in programming.



Pandemic Flu Planning Checklist for Individuals and Families*

You can prepare now for a world-wide influenza outbreak ("flu pandemic"). You should know what can happen during a pandemic and what actions you can take to reduce the effects of a flu pandemic on you and your family. A flu pandemic could last for **6-8 weeks** in a community, and may return several times.

Although all levels of government are preparing for a possible flu pandemic, **personal planning is important** because some community businesses and services may be disrupted or closed, including:

- School, childcare, and work
- Public transportation and availability of gasoline and other fuels
- Grocery stores, banks, gas stations, and other businesses
- Communications, including telephone, radio, and television
- Utilities – electricity, gas
- Pharmacies and healthcare

This checklist will help you gather the information and resources you may need in case a flu pandemic or other emergency interrupts normal business activities

- 1. Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit.** Make sure that you consider the needs of family members with special needs. The Kit should include the following items:
 - ☐ **Water and food supplies.** During a pandemic, you may not be able to get supplies from stores, so it's important for you to have extras on hand. This can be useful in other emergencies, such as power outages.
 - ☐ **At least 30 days supply of important medication.** Ask your doctor and/or pharmacist if you can get an extra supply of your regular prescription drugs.
 - ☐ **Nonprescription drugs and other health supplies.** These include pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes (e.g., sports drinks), and vitamins, Band-Aids, antibacterial ointments, tape, and gauze.
- 2. Create a family emergency health plan.** List emergency contact information. Consider how family members would be cared for if they got sick and what would be needed to care for them.
- 4. Get involved.** Volunteer with local groups and health centers to prepare and assist with emergency response. Your community needs help as it works to prepare.
- 5. Keep informed.** Tune in to news from radio, television, and newspapers.
- 6. To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:**
 - ☐ Make sure that you and your family are up to date on vaccinations.
 - ☐ Wash hands often with soap and water and teach this to children.
 - ☐ Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues and teach this to children.
 - ☐ Stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick and teach this to children. Stay home from work and school if sick.

Washington, DC: Alfred John LaBeau, BA AA GCDF CPRW has been awarded the Certified Workforce Development Professional (CWDP) credential by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals.

Workforce Development Professionals facilitate the process by which individuals identify, prepare for, obtain and maintain employment and self-sufficiency; and assist businesses with accessing and retaining a quality workforce. They may work directly with the customer or may work as support personnel for and with staff who do work directly with the customer. The CWDP recognizes the training, experience and expertise of professionals in the field in 10 areas of competency:

- History and Structure of Workforce Development System
- Career Development Process
- Labor Market Information
- Diversity
- Customer Service
- Program Management
- Communication
- Technology
- Collaboration and Problem Solving
- Business and Employer Knowledge

"Alfred John LaBeau exemplifies the degree of professionalism and commitment to excellence that America needs if it is to continue to enjoy a world-class workforce," said NAWDP President C. Paul Mendez.

The CWDP program is administered and endorsed by the National Association of Workforce Development Professionals. NAWDP is a national association for individual practitioners in workforce development professionals. Its mission is to be the national voice for the profession and to meet the individual professional development needs of its membership.

Mr. LaBeau is a member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, Michigan, and lives in Pasadena, Maryland. He is the son of the late Bernard T. LaBeau and Bernice L LaBeau.

Ojibwa Community Library

The library has many copies of a publication called "Health for Native Life." They were purchased by DESTINY. These are free. Stop in and check them out.

The library has a copier/printer/scanner to give away on a first come-first serve basis. The paper jams in the rollers, so it needs work. NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE COME IN.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



Announcement — The Tribal Council has appointed a Drug Task Force.
Brad Dakota Becky Tussing Valerie Voakes
Vicki Dompier Bill Kirchhofer Peeky St. George
Doris Roberts

COMMUNITY DRUG ALERT BULLETIN

Methamphetamine is...

- A powerfully addictive stimulant that dramatically affects many areas of the central nervous system. The drug can easily be made in clandestine laboratories from relatively inexpensive over-the-counter ingredients and can be purchased at a relatively low cost. The factors make methamphetamine a drug with a high potential for widespread abuse.
- Sometimes referred to as “speed,” “meth,” and “chalk.” In its smoked form it is often referred to as “ice,” “crystal,” “crank,” “fire,” and “glass.”
- Available in many forms and can be smoked, snorted, injected or orally ingested.
- A white, odorless, bitter tasting crystalline powder that can be easily dissolved in water or alcohol.

Populations using methamphetamine...

- Traditionally associated with white, male, blue-collar workers, methamphetamine is now reportedly being used by diverse groups in all regions of the country.
- Use is increasing among men who have sex with men and use other drugs, making this population more vulnerable to contracting and spreading sexually transmitted diseases, especially HIV/AIDS.
- Young adults who attend “raves” or private clubs are increasingly using methamphetamine.
- Notable increases are occurring among homeless and runaway youth.
- Increasing use of methamphetamine is reported among male and female commercial sex workers who also trade sex for drugs and among members of motorcycle gangs. Also, people in occupations (such as long-haul truckers) that demand long hours, mental alertness and physical endurance have been using this drug at increased rates.

New trends in methamphetamine use...

- There is emerging evidence that methamphetamine is being administered increasingly via the intravenous route. Injecting this drug puts the user at increased risk for engaging in behaviors (both sexual and non-sexual) that could increase his/her chance of contracting HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and other infectious diseases.
- Methamphetamine is not usually sold and bought on the streets like many of the other known illicit drugs. Users report that they obtain their supplies of methamphetamine from friends and acquaintances. It is typically a more closed or hidden sale, prearranged by “networking” with those producing the drug. Often it is sold “by invitation only” at all-night warehouse parties or “raves.”
- Because methamphetamine can be made with readily available inexpensive materials, there is great variation in the processes and chemicals used. This means that the final product that is sold as “methamphetamine” may not be methamphetamine at all but rather a highly altered chemical mixture with some stimulant-like effects. Uncertainties about the drug’s sources and the pharmacological agents used in its production make it especially difficult to determine its toxicity and resulting consequences and symptoms.
- Methamphetamine is often used in dangerous combination with other substances, including cocaine/crack, marijuana, heroin and alcohol.
- Long reported as the dominant drug problem in the San Diego, California area, methamphetamine has become a substantial drug problem in other sections of the West and Southwest as well. The drug has now been reported in both rural and urban areas of the South and Midwest. It is emerging in major urban areas in the East but not to the extent seen in other regions of the country.

You can identify methamphetamine users by...

- Signs of agitation, excited speech, decreased appetites, and increased physical activity levels. Other common symptoms include: dilated pupils, high blood pressure, irregular heartbeat, chest pain, shortness of breath, nausea and vomiting, diarrhea and elevated body temperature.
- Occasional episodes of sudden and violent behavior, intense paranoia, visual and auditory hallucinations and bouts of insomnia.
- A tendency to compulsively clean and groom and repetitively sort and disassemble objects, such as cars and other mechanical devices.

Preventing methamphetamine use...

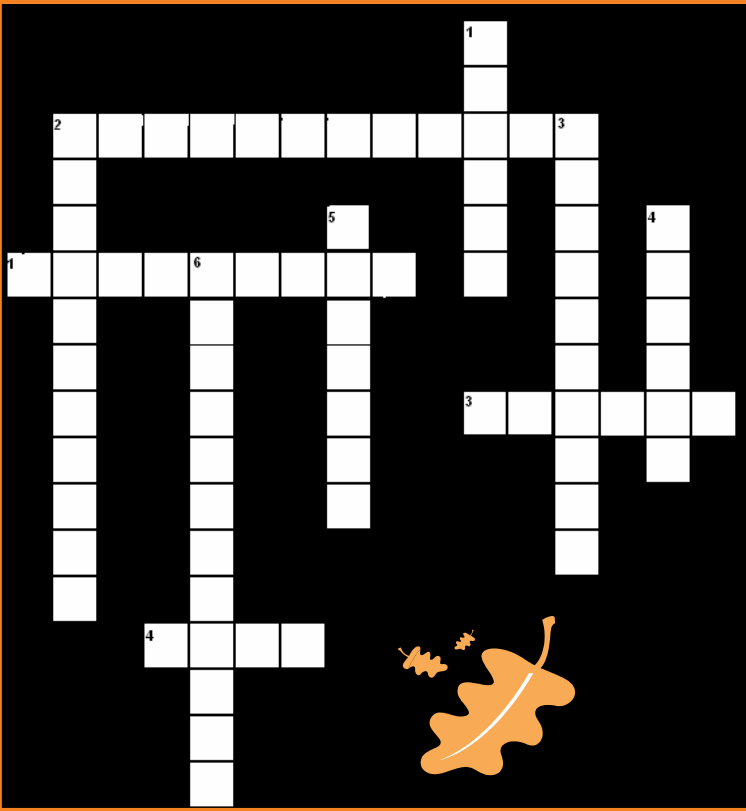
- Effective prevention begins with an assessment of the specific nature of the drug problem within the local community and adapting the program accordingly. Assessment can include looking at a variety of indicators such as drug treatment and emergency room admissions.
- In general, prevention programs should start early, be comprehensive and repetitively stress key points.
- Family-focused prevention efforts have been found to have a greater impact than strategies that focus on parents only or children/adolescents only.



Vocabulary

Dagwaag - it is fall, it is autumn
Anibiishikaa - there are many leaves
Agaasibigan - the leaves turn color
Aditebagan - the leaves are small
Aatebagaa - the leaves are bright

Binaakwe'igan - rake
Dakise - it is cold
Miskwa - red
Ozaawa - yellow
Bine –partridge



Down:
1. it is cold
2. the leaves turn color
3. the leaves are small
4. red
5. it is fall
6. rake

Across:
1. the leaves are bright
2. there are many leaves
3. yellow
4. partridge

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- The general prevention principles described in NIDA’s research-based booklet entitled *Preventing Drug Use Among Children and Adolescents* hold for all drugs and abuse, including methamphetamine, and serve as a good starting point for establishing programs in your community. (Call 1-800-729-6686 for a free copy.)

Treating methamphetamine addiction...

- Several cognitive behavioral interventions designed to help modify a patient’s thinking and behaviors and to increase skills in coping with various life stresses have been found to be effective.
- Unfortunately, there are currently no medications available to treat addiction or overdose to amphetamine or amphetamine-like drugs such as methamphetamine.
- Withdrawal from methamphetamine is typically characterized by drug craving, depressed mood, disturbed sleep patterns and increased appetite. Antidepressant medications can be prescribed to combat the depressive symptoms frequently seen in methamphetamine withdrawal.

To get more information... Visit the NIDA World Wide Web site at <http://www.nida.nih.gov>. Contact the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at 1-800-729-6686 for free NIDA publications.

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KBIC Participates in Parade of Nations

Several KBIC dancers and drummers participated in Michigan Tech's Parade of Nations Celebration on Saturday, September 16, 2006. An exhibition performance followed the parade with Four Thunders providing the music for our dancers, which was held at the Dee Stadium in downtown Houghton.

The Parade of Nations is Tech's and the local communities' way of celebrating diversity. Students from more than 80 different countries participate in the Parade of Nations and International Ethnic Food Festival every year.



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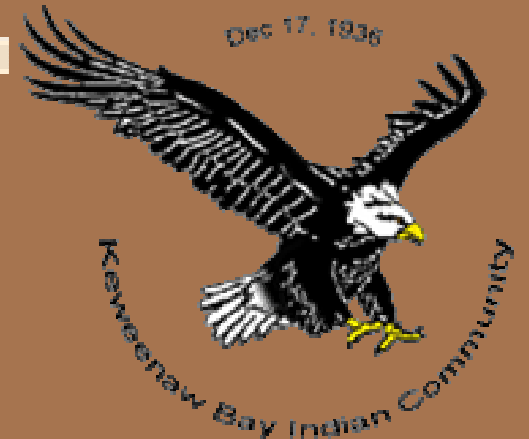
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A proposed Constitutional amendment that will be on Michigan's ballot this November would immediately eliminate opportunities for women and minorities in education, jobs and contracts. It will have a devastating impact on Michigan's American Indians and roll back progress Michigan has made toward equal opportunity.

We have come a long way. But we have far to go. In Michigan, women earn just 67¢ for every dollar men earn, and American Indian households earn 21% less than white households. If this proposal passes, gaps that Michigan's American Indians experience in education, health, and employment will increase. State-sponsored programs that address these disparities will be eliminated.

If this proposal passes:

- Outreach programs from public universities to American Indian communities will end, including recruitment and summer visitation programs for American Indian students;
- The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Program, which provides access to educational opportunities for American Indian students, can be harmed;
- Health initiatives for the American Indian Community will be at risk;
- Housing and lending programs will be eliminated; these programs make sure women, American Indians and other minorities are treated fairly.

We know that "seven generations" of opportunity have not yet passed. Bamma-piii to you and all our relations!

Don't be fooled! Learn more by visiting www.oneunitedmichigan.org, or call 877-482-1438.

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Due to the September, Saturday Council Meeting being held late in the month, the report of activities from this meeting were not available for publishing until this issue.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on September 23, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C.

Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung and the Lord's Prayer were cited. The Council reviewed numerous Thank You documents received from the community. A letter addressed to the Tribal Council by John A. Bussey, Executive Director of KBIC's Gaming Commission, was read. Mr. Bussey reported in this letter that on September 19, 2006, the Gaming Commission Appointees met in accordance with the Gaming Commission Ordinance and elected officers as follows: Michael Duschene—Chairman, Dale Shalfoe—Vice Chairman, and Jim Rasanen—Secretary. They will begin their official capacity on October 1, 2006. On September 13, 2006, a letter was faxed to the Community from the National Indian Gaming Commission approving the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance. Both the Gaming Commission Ordinance and the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance are now approved. The Commission has decided to meet regularly on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and other than closed sessions, the meetings will be open to the public. Most of the meetings will be held in Baraga, but some are planned to be held in Marquette. The Commission will make monthly reports to the Tribal Council and make minutes of their meetings available to the Tribal Council on a regular basis. In closing, Mr. Bussey wished to thank the Tribal Council for their patience and support over the eighteen month period that it has taken to complete the process of establishing an independent Gaming Commission for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner indicated that on August 3rd, she along with Gerald Hays and Mr. Baker attended a meeting with Chassell representatives and others on the Chassell to Houghton Snowmobile Trail, where some of the portions of this trail are closed because of private owners. The group is trying to reopen the trail. President LaFerner will keep us informed on this project in the future. Councilman Mike LaFerner and President LaFerner attended a meeting on August 9th, with the Michigan DNR Director, Rebecca Humphries, in Manistique, on their involvement with the decision for the approval or disapproval on a land use permit/surface lease to use State land, which is requested by Kennecott Minerals for their mine portal on the proposed Yellowdog Mine and a mining reclamation plan. At this meeting, we presented them with approximately 17 questions which they said they would respond to. President LaFerner also attended a Natural Resources meeting on August 16th. On August 25th, President LaFerner gave the welcome for our annual Tribal Government Employee Picnic, which was held at the Pressbox due to rain. Everyone had a great time over dinner, bowling and playing games. Congratulations to Jacalyn Salloum, winner of the grand prize — three tickets to the Packer/Lion game. President LaFerner visited Tribal Court/Counseling offices on August 28th, to meet with the staff of our new Child Support Program. On August 30th, President LaFerner and Sarah Smith attended a meeting with the Ojibwa Senior Citizens where they approved the design for the new addition and renovations of the Senior Center. As of today (09/23/06), all of the checks for the Senior Assistance Program have been issued except for approximately ten that have questions. The Senior Assistance Program assisted 190 seniors. Thank you to Dick Shalfoe who recently resigned after many years of service from the Voight Task Force. Joe Dowd and Chris Swartz will be attending future meetings. Thank you to Ed Janisse, radio staff and the volunteers for a wonderful 9-1-1 Hometown Heroes concert with Luke Stricklin and John Michael Montgomery. The American Legion did an outstanding ceremony during halftime, and the fireworks were wonderful again. You don't realize the amount of work that goes into a successful concert, and I know everyone who attended had a great time. Thank you to Sarah Smith, Dawn Richards and Francis (Hosh) LaPointe from Accounting and all of our directors for their hard work with the 2007 budgets. After eight days of meetings, they are just about completed. There will be changes, and when they are approved, a report will be given. NATIVE VOTE 2006 is fast approaching. It is time to focus on registering new voters and then to vote! Let's encourage our young people to turn out in record numbers for this November 7th, election. There are five proposals that will appear on the general election ballot you should be aware of. One very important proposal is the Michigan Civil Rights

Initiative Petition. Pay close attention to this, and it is even more reason to vote. (see separate article, page one). There have been numerous meetings held in an attempt to provide pre-school/daycare programs for those tribal children who were not able to attend Early Headstart and Headstart. The meetings have been productive and after reviewing all the programs that the Tribe offers, President LaFerner believes that the plan for services will benefit and serve more children than they have in the past. Thank you Terri Denomie, Debra Parrish, Mary DeLine, Ruth Keller and Kelly Shelfoe for all of their work and planning. We hope to present the final program in a few weeks and a proposal for the long term needs. Unfortunately, last Friday, (09/15/06), the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned the Ingham County Circuit Judge Paula Manderfelds June 22nd ruling, ordering the DEQ to conduct a hearing on whether the Kennecott permit application was complete, and she barred them from processing the applications until after the hearing. Three judges with the Court of Appeals stated that we failed to show that we had been harmed by the DEQ's finding that the application was complete. This will be appealed to the Supreme Court in the next week. We also learned late yesterday, (09/22/06), that the State of Michigan filed a petition for Certiorari with the Supreme Court on our Property Tax Case. They had until approximately September 25th to file, and they have.

There was no Secretary report available. Larry Denomie III indicated that he would have a two month report available at the October 7th, meeting.

Candidate Pete Macklin addressed the council and the community on his views as he seeks election for the State Senate.

Two AISES students from MTU, one of whom was Jessica Koski, KBIC Tribal Member, sought assistance with the MTU AISES Powwow to be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006, with teachings on Friday, October 27, 2006, and a hoop dancer in the local schools on Thursday, October 26, 2006, in conjunction with a mini powwow. The group is requesting \$6000. In addition, the two requested help with funding for a trip to the Annual AISES Conference, which is being held in Detroit this year. The group will assist with eight Tribal high school students (four from Baraga, four from L'Anse) who will travel to the same conference. MTU will provide the high school students and their chaperones with a bus. The group needs \$1632 more after their fund raising efforts to attend. Motion by Doreen Blaker to authorize \$6000 for the MTU AISES Powwow and \$1632 for the group to attend the Annual AISES Conference to be held in Detroit, supported by Gary Loonsfoot Sr., ten support, one abstain (Dakota), motion carried.

John Jacker of Baraga sought assistance for his daughter (Alicia) to travel with the International Band to Europe. Alicia Jacker is a very talented flute player recently attended The Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. She tried out for the International Band and was one of 250 of the 1600 students who were selected. It is a wonderful experience for Alicia but quite expensive, (\$4825) plus the expense of six trips downstate prior to the trip. Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to authorize \$1200 for Alicia Jacker to travel to Europe with the International Band and for a full tank of gas from the Pines for each of the six trips downstate, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, motion carried.

An amendment to the KBIC Youth Activity Fund was approved to include school clothes. The policy was approved at a prior meeting earlier this month. Resolution KB1505-2006, NCAI Annual Membership Renewal was approved. Resolution KB1506-2006, 457 Pension Plan Termination was approved. Department Head Reports were approved prior to moving into closed session.

OCTOBER 7, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on October 7, 2006, in the Marquette Community Building. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo and Shawanung present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung and the Lord's Prayer were cited. The Council reviewed numerous Thank You documents and informational items were reviewed by Council.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner indicated that on September 16th, she along with Toni Minton marched from Hancock to Houghton in the annual Parade of Nations. We were honored to head the parade with our youth and drum,

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and our Veterans in front. It was a great parade with great food, performances and dress from over 90 nations all in Houghton, Michigan. The attorney's office has been busy preparing the final revisions to the Airport Casino's two-part application that should be filed in the next few weeks. We are preparing the BIA for the application, and we are following our timeline. President LaFerner participated this month, by conference call with the I.H.S. Tribal Advisory Board, which she is a member of. As of today, (10/07/06), all except two checks for the Senior Assistance Program have been issued. **NATIVE VOTE 2006 is fast approaching. It's time to focus on registering new voters and then to vote. One very important proposal is the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Petition. Pay close attention to this. The purpose of this proposed amendment to the State Constitution would be to "prohibit the University of Michigan and other State universities, the State, and all other State entities from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin." This seeks to ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color ethnicity, or national origin for public employment, education, or contracting purposes.** Two other States, California and Washington, have adopted similar initiatives to override Affirmative Actions preferential treatment to minorities. (See separate article, page one.) On September 11th, oral arguments regarding our Cigarette Case were heard at the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati and it will probably take a few months for this decision. Also, the Michigan Court of Appeals overturned Ingham County Circuit Judge Paula Manderfield's June 22nd ruling ordering the DEQ to conduct a hearing on whether the Kennecott permit application was complete, and she barred them from processing the applications until after the hearing. This will now be appealed to the Supreme Court. For your information also, the State of Michigan filed a petition for Certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court on our Property Tax Case. It is still unknown if the Supreme Court will hear our case or not.

There was no Secretary report available. Larry Denomie III indicated that he would have a three month report available at the November 4th, meeting. He also indicated that he would be working with the Tribe's IT Department to have the Secretaries Report available online in the future at www.ojibwa.com.

Treasurer Toni Minton reported that the month of September was very busy for the Council. Fiscal year 2007, began on October 1st, 2006, and the budgets for the year needed to be finalized. The Council spent eight days reviewing budgets with the individual directors and managers. The budget committee consists of Tribal President/CEO Susan LaFerner, Chief Financial Officer Francis LaPointe, Comptroller Dawn Richards, CEO Executive Assistant Sarah Smith, and Tribal Council Treasurer Toni Minton. The budget committee reviewed recommended changes and will present them to Council. They hope to have the final budgets approved next week (week of October 9, 2006), after the Council reviews them one more time. Toni would like to thank the committee for all of their hard work during this difficult process. September 30th, was the deadline for the two-percent requests. Toni will be reviewing the requests and presenting them to Council. These payments must be processed by November 30, 2006.

The Council has discussed processing Council donations in a new manner. Donation requests are to be received by personal presentation or letter. An immediate decision will not be made (unless there is an emergency). Council will meet one time a month after receiving the monthly financial reports to decide on which requests will be approved. Council will then report at the next regular scheduled Saturday meeting on which requests were approved. The Council is requesting the cooperation of community members to plan ahead when they would like to request a donation. Miigwetch.

Carrie Ashbrook and Mic Campbell requested a donation for the Special Olympics in the amount of \$5000. KBIC Tribal member, Hannah Misegan addressed the Council on behalf on Special Olympics. Hannah informed the Council that she has participated in the Special Olympics for three years in bocce ball, basketball, bowling and track. She has traveled to events held in Ironwood, Iron River, Escanaba and one time downstate. She participates for exercise and because it motivates you, and she has received awards for Special Olympics. Motion by Larry Denomie III to place the request for consideration at the Council's next donation meeting, supported by Toni Minton, motion carried.

Pat Brown and Linda Rabitaille requested \$1300 for the Marquette Senior Citizens Christmas Party. They also requested for the Council to donate some turkeys for this dinner. Discussion revealed money was already budgeted for the Marquette Senior Citizen Party.

Linda Bressette and Glen Bressette addressed the Council on concerns of Marquette residents. Concerns revolved around plowing for senior citizens and disabled individuals who live in Ojibwa Housing in Marquette. These individuals received a letter last year stating that plowing would no longer be provided for them. There are only six individuals that this change affected. On one occasion an ambulance had a difficult time transporting an 87-year-old tribal member because the driveway had not been plowed. Another concern brought to Council's attention is — why does a senior citizen have to pay 30% of their income for rent. Glen Bressette also questioned why you need to live on the reservation to vote and suggested that a Marquette representative be placed on the Council. The Housing Board will be meeting in Marquette on November 21st. The group was advised to bring these concerns to the Housing Board. Regarding the voting for off reservation and the Marquette representative — it was brought to the attention that last year an attempt to work on a Constitutional Convention was initiated. Meetings were scheduled on three occasions, in which low numbers of tribal members attended (two—eight members on different occasions). In order for a Constitutional change the matters need to be worked on through this Constitutional Conventional process, and representation needs to be present at the meetings. Members should contact Eddy Edwards of L'Anse, who chairs the Constitutional Convention committee.

Larry Denomie III, on behalf of the Education Committee, made a request for funding to be allocated so advertising could be initiated regarding the Michigan Proposal Two. We have to make the community aware that proposal two will threaten the Native American Tuition Waiver. The Council agreed that this money request is an emergency request. Motion by Warren C. Swartz Jr. to authorize \$1000 to the Education Committee for advertisement costs on proposal two, supported by Mike LaFerner Sr., motion carried.

Tribal Conservation submitted three bids to purchase a new Polaris Ranger from insurance money received. Motion to table by Larry Denomie III until the Department Manager was available for more discussion, supported by Toni Minton, six support (Matthews, M. LaFerner, Minton, Denomie, Swartz, Loonsfoot), five against (Mayo, Dakota, Dowd, Emery, Blaker), motion carried.

The Proposed Amendment to the Election Ordinance is now required to reflect the results of the Secretarial Election which allows 18-year-olds to vote in Tribal elections. Larry Denomie III motioned to introduce the Proposed Amendment to the Election Ordinance and to waive the first reading, supported by Elizabeth Matthews, motion carried. A second reading is scheduled for October 19, 2006.

Council approved Resolution KB1504-2006, no funds available for the Baraga Sewer. President LaFerner spoke of three donation requests that were received from the community that will be added to the request for consideration at the Council's next donation meeting. They are 1) Bay Cliff's Women's Hall of Fame, 2) Daily Mining Gazettes Student of the Month program, and 3) Special Olympics Indian Hall of Fame. Department Head Reports were approved prior to moving into closed session.

In the Line of Duty

On October 11th, Conservation Officers responded to a call for assistance from Neil Malmgren, a KB Tribal Commercial fisherman who's boat broke down. He was unable to control the vessel from drifting four and a half miles North of South Entry near the Traverse Islands. Officers assisted Neil Malmgren and Dan Alexander who were stranded aboard the 31 foot long Katherine (Malmgren's Tug). As the vessel was unable to be started due to a blown oil line, the officers towed the Katherine with the Tribal Conservation boat back to the South Entry. Officers helped secure the boat back at South Entry and checked later that day to see if repairs were made. Neil made the necessary repairs and stated he would be going out the next morning to lift his nets before the storm. Officers followed up the next day, calling Neil on his boat. Neil thanked officers for their assistance the previous day and told them that the boat ran fine, and his nets were lifted.

Another Hunter Safety Program was conducted on October 7th and 8th. Approximately 75 kids attended. The class was taught by Tribal Conservation, GLIFWC, and Michigan DNR. Saturday's class was held at K.B.O.C.C. Sunday's class was held at the Ottawa Sportsman's Club where participants received hands on hunter's etiquette and safety handling and storage of weapons. All the participants did an excellent job and will be receiving their certification shortly.

The next safety class will be near the end of December or early January for snowmobile safety, depending on weather conditions. Contact the Tribal Police Office at 353-6626 for more information.

‘Confidence in learning’

Native languages both oral and written underline the survival of cultures, academic achievement, and federal funding. “Confidence in learning” – was the repeat topic at an Aug. 31, congressional field hearing in Albuquerque. A fair amount of evidence offered at the hearing suggests that this “confidence in learning” may be the lost link to lifelong learning ability for Native students, and that language immersion schooling can restore it.

Under assault by settler policies opposed by just about any expression of Native culture, Native languages lost much of their traction in Native communities. The void in language opened the door to English in times that were hard indeed for most tribes. In better times, the Indian-controlled education movement fueled the larger drive for tribal self-determination as federal policy – Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act. Learning the Native language of their heritage, alongside English as a daily reality, may restore Native students both individually and on the whole. Confidence in learning, as reflected in across-the-board academic achievement, is its public signature.

In the testimony of Christine Sims, of Acoma Pueblo and the Institute of American Indian Education at the University of New Mexico, described the impact of learning a heritage Native language, in addition to English, on other academic studies. Sims concluded that Native priorities, local school support and congressional interest “have set in motion a whole set of precedents concerning the treatment of Native languages in schools.” (Jerry Reynolds/Indian Country Today)

But history is still with us. Tribal language loss is at an acute stage. Carol Cornelius of the Oneida Cultural Heritage Department said that only five fluent speakers who learned Oneida as a first language remain among the Oneida of Wisconsin; two are over 95 years of age and no longer able to help convey the language, while three who are over 86 years, assist with eight tribal language trainees for two to seven hours a week. Amadeo Shije, chairman of the All Indian Pueblo Council estimated that only 20 percent of present Native languages will still be viable 50 years from now.

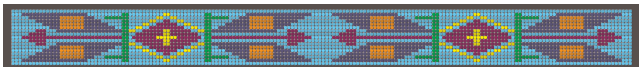
To create language immersion settings - “situations where a large group of people are speaking nothing but Ojibwa in order to teach the language as it was traditionally passed down: orally.” The language immersion schooling programs have shown promising results among Native Hawaiians, the Maori of New Zealand and approximately 75 tribal communities.

Ryan Wilson, executive director of the National Indian Education Association, made a direct appeal to Congress, as represented by the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce. “What we’re saying here, everybody in this room – and you see this huge crowd that’s come out – is it really, it really exemplifies what’s dear to our hearts, and that we’re in a crisis... We’re really saying that it [Native Language immersion schooling] belongs in our schools. Maybe not in every school, but we have to create venues in our communities where this could be taught. And we have to codify, forever, a place in the Department of Education to fund these schools.” Rep. Howard “Buck” McKeon, R-Calif., chairman of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, acknowledged, “I’m just trying to gin up some support for the next Congress. I think that’s more hopeful.” “Time is of the essence if we want to stem the loss of these languages,” Tom Udall, D-N.M said, adding later, “I believe we can all agree that there is an urgent need to protect and preserve Native American languages, and we must advance by implementing new immersion programs.”

Side note: There are currently Anishinabemowin Pane Immersion classes being offered at the Bay Mills Community College. A semester of the Immersion Program consists of five once a month weekend long classes. The Bay Mills College is also now offering a new Board of Regents scholarship, all Michigan Tribal Members are automatically eligible, the scholarship pays for the tuition costs up to 66 credits. I strongly urge everyone interested in learning the Ojibwa language to sign up or just try the class for one weekend (costing \$40). The class is worth the drive to Bay Mills, there are currently four Keweenaw Bay Tribal Members already attending this class, who are also willing to carpool.

Bay Mills Community College website
http://www.bmcc.edu/campus_docs/index.html *language*

- Submitted by Candice Kempainen,
Tutor L’Anse/Baraga School Bilingual Program.



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Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship Recipient Chosen

Joan LaPointe, a Central Michigan University junior from L’Anse, has been selected as the first recipient of the Tribe’s Ann Misegan Memorial Scholarship. The Tribal Education Committee, along with the Health Board Chairman, reviewed the applicants and selected LaPointe to receive the scholarship.

LaPointe is majoring in Health Fitness in Preventative and Rehabilitative Programs/Pre-Physician Assistant. She is a graduate of Houghton High School and worked as an intern in the Tribal Medical and Dental Clinics this past summer.

Ann Misegan was a long time Tribal Council member whose priority was the health of the Tribal membership. She was adamant that Tribal members be trained for as many positions as possible within the Tribe and also encouraged members to seek further education, especially in health fields. She was a member of the Tribe’s Health Board as well as their Dental Assistant for many years. She held an LPN certificate from Northern Michigan University and worked as a nurse for Baraga County Memorial Hospital before coming to work for the Tribe. This scholarship seeks to reward members who have the same passion for health care that Ann did.

This scholarship amount is \$1,000 twice per year for up to six years and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria: Be an enrolled Tribal member, attend an accredited college/university as a full-time student, pursue a degree in a Health Care field documented by their college (preference will be given to students either in a nursing or dental program), and be a resident of Baraga or Marquette County. Applications for the 2006-07 academic year will be available in June 2007. For more information on this scholarship, please contact Amy St. Arnold, KBIC Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117.



Joan LaPointe, Scholarship Recipient, is pictured at the memorial established by KBIC in honor of the late Ann Misegan. The cedar tree was a gift to KBIC from I.T.C. in honor of Ann Misegan. President LaFernier and former CEO, Keith Tourtillot planted the cedar tree that is embraced by a flower garden planted by President LaFernier. KBIC maintenance constructed the bricks in the form of a medicine wheel which encircles the memorial. The memorial is located at the Donald LaPointe Medical Facility in Baraga, Michigan. A plaque has been ordered to complete the memorial.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Natural Resources Department

FREE RADON TESTS KITS!

Radon gas is naturally occurring in the soil, and can enter buildings and homes through cracks and openings in the foundation. It is colorless, odorless, and tasteless, and is the **second leading cause of lung cancer!!!** Nearly one of eight homes in Michigan has elevated levels of radon, and any home could have elevated levels. Testing is essential in detecting harmful levels in the home and in improving indoor air quality.

The KBIC Natural Resources Department is offering **free** and easy-to-use test kits to KBIC Tribal Members. For more information, please contact Char Beesley at 906.524.5757 extension 14.



KBIC-NRD FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE DIVISION UPDATE UNPRECEDENTED LAKE STURGEON RESEARCH



Lake sturgeon (Ogimaa giigonh) are considered a species of special concern in the Great Lakes, as they continue to exist in suppressed numbers. Stocks of lake sturgeon in Lake Superior were decimated in the early portion of the 19th century, as the commercial fishery, dam construction, pollution, and a variety of other human disturbances increased.



The Lake Superior Chippewa Indians consider Ogimaa giigonh the spiritual king of fish, and human respect for this species has existed long before the dawning of the Industrial Era which nearly exterminated the sturgeon. Current protective measures and a heightened understanding and respect for this prehistoric and magnificent fish have resulted in a slow and continuing recovery of the populations.



Beginning in the late 1990's, efforts to re-establish lake sturgeon in the Ontonagon River commenced with strategic stocking of yearling fish. This has continued periodically through the years, but little has been done to document the extent of stocked fish survival.



Beginning in 2005, KBIC-NRD, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) designed a survey to begin locating and determining lake sturgeon populations along the near shore of the Keweenaw Peninsula, near the Ontonagon River mouth. Exploratory surveys captured seven juvenile lake sturgeon in 2005.

In 2006, a more intensified survey effort captured 30 juvenile and two adult lake sturgeon. Most of the juvenile fish were documented to possess a Coded Wire Tag (CWT) in the snout, indicating they were of hatchery origin. Great variation in the sizes of captured fish is likely attributable to various ages, which in turn confirms the hypothesis that some degree of hatchery fish survival is occurring near the Ontonagon River.

It takes several years (in some cases more than a decade) for lake sturgeon to reach sexual maturity. In time, some of the fish being documented in the near shore of Lake Superior may mature and migrate up the Ontonagon River, or possibly other systems in Lake Superior, to spawn and contribute to the long-term survival of the species. More work is needed to gauge the success of the Ontonagon River lake sturgeon, and KBIC-NRD intends to continue contributing to the pursuit of rehabilitating Ogimaa giigonh and other native fishes in the region.

Feel free to contact KBIC-NRD with comments or questions. *Gene Mensch, KBIC-NRD Fisheries and Wildlife Biologist*

FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL PRESIDENT

ANIN! We honor the greatness in all of you.

During our first snowstorm of the season on October 12, 2006, I watched two deer in their beautiful peaceful, secluded surrounding and wondered what their (and our) fate would be in the coming days if the proposed mine is constructed on the Yellow Dog Plains in our Ceded Territory.

On July 17, 2004, after Kennecott Exploration Company announced its intention to mine for nickel, copper, and other minerals in the headwaters of the Yellow Dog River and Salmon Trout River in the Upper Peninsula, our Tribal Council passed Resolution KB-1301-2004. In that Resolution, the Tribal Council found that the mining proposed by Kennecott deeply offends the traditional and cultural values of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community; that, although the Tribe recognized the temporary gains that may be produced by the proposed activities of Kennecott, those gains are far outweighed by the potential for permanent and severe damage to the environment in and around the Tribe's territory and Reservation. In addition, the Tribal Council found that Kennecott has not shown any satisfactory evidence or proof that it can undertake the mining activity without polluting ground or surface water. Kennecott to this day still has not made a showing that, after it undertakes such activities, it can protect the ground and surface waters from acid drainage which will result from sulfide mining. We also still have many concerns that have not been answered by Kennecott under the rules and regulations of the Sulfide Mining Act. I have heard our legislators say that our Upper Peninsula is a special place, and we all realize the need for more jobs, but what and how much are we willing to sacrifice, for our present generation and the generations to follow?

According to our teachings: "To honor all of the creation is to have respect. Water is a gift of life and is sacred." The current global state of water is in great danger. Water has been able to sustain itself through Earth's natural processes of purification, but in our world of technology and profits, the people are not paying attention to the endangered state of our water today. We are presently in the process of cleaning up our very own Great Lakes... "Cleanup" is not natural, and we need to allow our water to continue to purify itself as it knows how to do best and has been doing since creation.

The Tribal Council's position on the mining issue has not changed since the adoption of our Resolution in July 2004. We and many other friends have already traveled a long journey with the opposition to this proposed mine. We are also saddened and angry that our sacred Eagle Rock now has orange marking paint on it, trees have been cut down, and other mining preparations are being made by Kennecott without a permit.

The L'Anse Indian Reservation and the Ceded Territories, which includes the Yellow Dog Plains, is the homeland of our people. The treaties entered into by our ancestors for our members in 1842, guaranteed our homeland, with the right to hunt, fish, and gather; rights which we are determined to preserve and protect for at least the next seven generations.

Remember to vote on November 7th, and ask your representatives questions regarding mining in the Upper Peninsula. Also review the five proposals that you will be voting on especially number two regarding the MI Civil Rights Initiative Petition. Please remember all of our special veterans and those presently serving in the armed forces on Veterans Day, November 11th. We also wish all of you a very Happy and blessed Thanksgiving, let us thank our God and Creator for all of our blessings.

- Susan LaFornier, KBIC Tribal President

Effective immediately— Change of address for all offices located at the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center.

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community,
Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908-9210**



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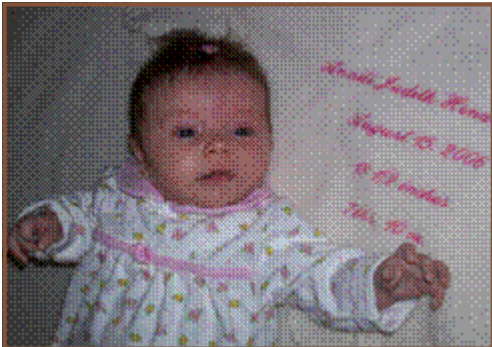
TURN OFF TV, TUNE IN FUN!

In conjunction with Baraga Area Schools' Turn Off TV Week, Tribal organizations joined together to sponsor an event on Wednesday, September 27, 2006. Held at the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, from 6:00-8:00 p.m., children grades K-6th grade, along with many family members attended for an evening of many activities. Native American crafting and other crafting projects were available, as were storytelling, games, pow-wow dancing and pictures with Miss Moolissa. Fun was had by all.

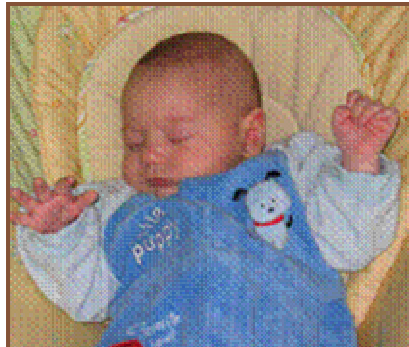
The program was sponsored by the Baraga Area Schools, KBIC Diabetes Program, STEPS, Women's Health Circle, KBIC Even Start, KBOCC, KBIC Youth Program, and the L'Anse/Baraga School Bilingual Program.



AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Annali Judith Hendrickson, born 08/15/2006, to Kimberly Miron and Dean Hendrickson. Annali weighed 7 lbs 15 oz and was 18 ½ inches in length at birth.



Meet Raven Jo Haataja, born 08/23/2006, to Amy Manning and Weylin Haataja. He weighed 9 lbs 3 oz and was 20 ¼ inches in length at birth.



Meet Sara Ann-Marie Dakota, born 09/19/2006, to Mandi Strong and Mike Dakota. Sara Ann weighed 5 lbs 2 oz and was 17 ¾ inches in length at birth.



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SPOOKED KBIC YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY/TEEN DANCE

The KBIC Youth Club held their annual Halloween Party on Saturday, October 21, 2006, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center. The kids' party was held in the afternoon from 1:00—3:00 p.m. The children enjoyed games, a photo corner, pony rides, participated in a costume contest and won many different prizes. The Teen Dance was held later that evening, 8:00—12:00 midnight where a costume contest was also held. Pizza was served at both events.



Pictures shown were selected from the photo corner. Many more prints are available. If you did not receive your picture, prints are available at the Youth Office.



Store bought costume category—(left to right) winners are: 4th place/\$20—Paige Chosa, 3rd place/\$30—Tashina Emery, 2nd place/\$40—Chris Hella and 1st place/\$50—Stephanie Raymond. Congratulations!



Home made costume category—(left to right) winners are: 4th place/\$20—Cote Goldsworthy, 3rd place/\$30—Joel Maki, 2nd place/\$40—Shauna Pelto and 1st place/\$50—Kyle Gauthier. Congratulations!



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New Hire



Meet Suzanne Conte. Suzanne has been hired as the new KBIC Even Start Secretary.

Suzanne states, "I am a KBIC Tribal member and reside in Baraga, with my father Stanley Waara, husband Erik Conte and five-year-old son Erik Joseph Conte. I

look forward to working with the adults in the Community who are working towards their high school diploma or GED."

For further information regarding the KBIC Even Start Program please contact Suzanne at 353-8161.

TUITION WAIVER THREATENED

The Education Committee is requesting support from our Community in the upcoming State of Michigan General Election. Once again Native Americans throughout the State of Michigan are facing the threat of losing the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. This general election proposal is not only a threat to Native Americans but also affects African Americans and Hispanics, especially women.

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Petition has qualified to appear on the statewide ballot as Proposal 2 in the general election on November 7, 2006. The statewide ballot proposal seeks to ban public institutions from using affirmative action programs that give preferential treatment to groups or individuals based on their race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin for public employment, education or contracting purposes. This proposal affects public institutions that include state government, local governments, public colleges and universities, community colleges, and school districts.

If this proposal is passed by the Michigan voters in the general election, the outcome will be devastating to Native People. It may mean an end to the Tuition Waiver. The Education Committee is pleading for your support to defeat this proposal. On November 7, 2006, get out and vote **NO** on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Petition.

Megwetch,

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Education Committee



KEWEENAW BAY COMMODITY FOOD GUIDELINES

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES (Effective October 1, 2006)

Household Size	Income Limit\
1	\$ 951
2	\$1,234
3	\$1,518
4	\$1,806
5	\$2,112
6	\$2,420
7	\$2,703
8	\$2,986

Each additional member + \$284

Computation of Income Eligibility Standards—

The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and the food stamp standard deduction amounts used for the contiguous United States.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependent Care Deduction—The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependent children under 2 years of age, and \$175 for all other dependents.

Earned Income Deduction—Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums—Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly costs of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction—Households that incur the costs of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

ATTENTION ALL KBIC ELDERS: Come join the fun.

CHRISTMAS PARTY— FOR MARQUETTE AREA SENIOR CITIZENS

When: Saturday, December 2, 2006 @ 4:00 p.m.

Where: Community Building, Ojibwa Housing Projects in Harvey.
(behind the Ojibwa Casino II)



Please join us for a fabulous dinner, win prizes, and visit with Santa Claus.

RSVP is required and appreciated to: Linda Rabitaille at 249-4392 (leave a message on the answering machine) or Pat Brown at 249-9904, or send a fax to Attn: Pat Brown at 249-4533.

Any volunteers are welcome and are very much appreciated. Call for more information.

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May the Spirit of Every Family Be Preserved-Not Broken



KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Program

- Open to parents without a High School Diploma/GED, who are either pregnant or have a child under age 8.
- Earn your High School Diploma or GED
- Gain job skills
- Membership at Indoor Play Center
- Free Diapers, Gift Cards, etc. for participation
- Transportation and child care provided

To register or for more information call (906) 353-8161

KBIC EVEN START FUNDING CONTINUES

KBIC Tribal Even Start along with Tribal Even Start Programs nation wide are undergoing significant budget cuts. The number of Tribal programs that were allotted to receive continued funding was significantly reduced. The determination to end funding was based on a Federal monitoring visit as well as other factors. The Federal monitoring visit resulted in positive feedback regarding KBIC Even Start. Based on the Federal review, KBIC Even Start program will continue to receive funding. We feel honored that our program is one of the handful of Tribal programs to continue.

KBIC Even Start has joined with the Indoor Play Center to provide childcare as well as Early Childhood Education to Even Start enrolled children. The collaboration brings quality child care and educational services to children while their parents are in adult education classes, parenting classes, Ojibwa culture group or using the library.

Christine Awonohopay recently joined the Even Start staff, and families are enjoying the many activities and ideas that Christine has to offer. Those who are interested are making tobacco pouches. The group will begin making regalia for their children to wear at pow-wows. Ideas regarding crafts, field trips and areas of interest are received from the participants and are used in deciding on projects for the Ojibwa Cultural group.

Even Start services are for adults who want to finish high school or earn a GED and have children under the age of eight years old. Pregnant teens also receive support services to enable them to keep up with coursework.

Transportation is provided to those needing a ride, including transportation to evening adult education classes held at L'Anse-Baraga Community Schools in L'Anse.

Diapers have been a popular incentive for families participating in Even Start. Other incentives are also available based on family needs and desires.

For more information on KBIC Even Start, contact Mary DeLine at 353-8161.



COMMUNITY WOMEN LEARN SELF DEFENSE



Sixteen women attended a self defense class on Wednesday evening, October 11, 2006. Instructor Jay Maki of the Karate Institute of America demonstrated many self defense techniques. The women practiced the techniques and learned the fundamentals of how to avoid an attack and what to do if one does occur.

The event was held at the OCC Gymnasium and was sponsored by the GLITC MCH Grant, Diabetes Program, Healthy Start and the Women's Health Circle Project.



WHITE BUFFALO BORN IN WISCONSIN

In August of 2006, a farm in Janesville, Wisconsin, has become known as consecrated ground, as the birth of its third white buffalo occurred. Owner Dave Heider said, "We took one look at it and I can't repeat what I thought, but I thought, 'Here we go again'." Thousands of people have stopped by the Heider farm since the birth of Miracle, the first female white buffalo who was born in 1994, and died at the age of ten. A second white buffalo, born on the same farm, died three days after birth in 1996.

The white buffalo is considered by Native Indians as sacred, bringing good fortune and peace. Drum ceremonies by American Indians have been held to honor the calf, a newborn male, who has yet to be named. A retold legend is a white buffalo disguised as a woman wearing white hides appeared to two warriors as they were hunting for buffalo. One of whom treated her with respect, and the other did not. She turned the disrespectful warrior into a pile of bones. She gave the respectful warrior a pipe and taught his people seven sacred ceremonies and songs. She transformed into a female white buffalo calf as she walked away and promised to return one day.

Floyd "Looks for Buffalo" Hand, a medicine man from the Oglala Sioux Tribe in Pine Ridge, S.D., says that this latest birth that is a male doesn't make it any less significant in American Indian prophecies — which say that such an animal will reunite all the races of man and restore balance to the world. Hand said the buffalo's coat will change from white to black, red and yellow, the colors of the various races of man, before turning brown again. The white buffalo is considered by Native Indians as sacred, bringing good fortune and peace. The birth of a white male buffalo means men need to take responsibility for their families and for the future of the tribe.



Become a Michigan Volunteer

The Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness launched the Michigan Volunteer Registry, an Internet-based registry system enabling health care personnel and citizens with an interest in volunteering an opportunity to pre-register indicating their specialties and availability during an emergency or event.

Who can volunteer? Physicians, nurses, pharmacists, behavioral health, emergency medical services personnel, and ancillary support staff, security, clergy, interpreters, food service, clerks, electricians and others. Those who register agree to be contacted should their area of expertise be needed during a natural or public emergency. Registering does not obligate you to volunteer during an emergency. Once notified, each volunteer will determine their current availability based on the following:

- What kind of incident are you willing to respond to?
- What distance are you willing to travel?
- How long are you willing to be deployed?

Volunteers may be notified using the contact information provided to the registry when local, regional or state responder resources are not sufficient to meet the need for response and recovery efforts during an event. Through the registry, volunteers may also have the opportunity to participate in trainings and exercises.

This important initiative is intended to build local, regional, State and possibly a Federal surge workforce system allowing for the registration and credentialing of those individuals willing to volunteer. **Register now:** Visit the registry at www.MIVolunteerRegistry.org. Contact the registry help desk at www.help-mivolunteerregistry@michigan.gov or (866) 636-6324.

Sponsored by Office of Public Health Preparedness Grant, KBIC Health Dept., Ruth Bussey, Health Director, (906) 353-4553.

Community & Youth Calendar - NOVEMBER 2006

American Diabetes Month
Native American Heritage Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.		KBIC Youth Club events are listed on the calendar [underlined]. BCG = Baraga County Gymnastics	1 BCG 5-9pm	2 Open Gym 4-9pm	3	4 Yoga Cert training through DHHS
5 Yoga Cert training through DHHS	6 Youth Committee Meeting 5 pm; BCG 5-9pm	7 Greenpath Counseling; Even Start Culture/craft class 12:30-1:30pm; Registration for Karate 6-6:50pm; open gym 7-9pm	8 Effective Marketing Seminar; 1st Step; BCG 5-9pm	9 Open Gym 4-9pm	10 Tribal Gov't offices closed for Veteran's Day observance; Open Gym 4-9pm	11 VETERAN'S DAY; Native American Artist Market; Girl's Basketball 10-12pm call Tina Messer; Open gym 4-9pm
12	13 Youth Council meeting 6pm—call for ride; BCG 5-9pm	14 Even Start Culture/craft; Karate 6-6:50pm; Open Gym 7:30-9pm	15 BCG 5-9pm	16 Open Gym 4-9pm	17 KBIC YOUTH TACO SALE ALL DAY, 353-6623 Ext. "0" to order.	18 Girls BBall 12-2pm; Open Gym 4-9pm
19 Open Gym 4-9pm	20 BCG 5-9pm; Write with Light Photo Project—participants already registered 3:30-5pm	21 Greenpath Counseling; Even Start craft 12:30-1:30; Karate 6-6:50pm; Open Gym 7:30-9pm	22 BCG 5-9pm	23 Tribal Gov't offices closed for Thanksgiving Day.	24 Tribal Gov't offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday. YOUTH DANCE 8-12am	25 No open gym
26 Open Gym 4-9pm	27 BCG 5-9pm	28 Even Start Craft 12:30-1:30pm; Karate 6-6:50pm; open gym 7-9pm	29 BCG 5-9pm	30 Open Gym 4-9pm	Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.	

For Your Information:

November is Native American Heritage Month. The Native American Student Association of Northern Michigan University (Marquette, Michigan) with support from several departments including the NMU Center for Native American Studies and the NMU Multicultural Education and Resource Center will be hosting a line up of events (just about everything is confirmed). All events are free of charge except for the First Nations Food Taster.

Wednesday, Nov 1 — Film: Trudell - The Movie @ JXJ 102
7 - 9:30 p.m. Facilitator – Dr. Stephanie McKenzie

Friday, Nov 3 — First Nations Food Taster @ Jacobetti Center
5 - 8 p.m. Wild game, wild rice, corn soup, fry bread & more. Volunteers needed. Tickets available now.

Tuesday, Nov 7 — American Indian Art & Individuality @ Mead Auditorium,
7—9 p.m., (Discussion with three American Indian Artists).

Wednesday, Nov 8 — Film: Johnny Tootall @ JXJ102
7 - 9:30 p.m., Facilitator: Ms. Grace Chaillier

Friday, Nov 10 — First Nations Performers Fest @ Reynolds Recital Hall,
7-9:30 p.m., Featuring Hoop Dancing, Oneida Social Dances & more in conjunction with the NMU Dept. of Music.

Wednesday, Nov 15 — Film: Skins - Directed by Chris Eyre @ JXJ 102
7 - 9:30 p.m., Facilitator: Ms. April Lindala

Tuesday, Nov 28 — Anishinaabe Storytelling @ Whitman Commons, 11:30 a.m. In conjunction with the NMU Department of English

Tuesday, Nov 28 — JANA in Concert @ JXJ 102, 7 p.m.
Sponsored by the Multicultural Education & Resource Center

Wednesday, Nov 29 — Film: Hank Williams First Nations @ JXJ 102,
7 - 9:30 p.m., Special Guest Facilitator: Aaron Sorensen (Director of the Film)

For more information about these events, call 906-227-1397 or email nasa@nmu.edu or visit our website at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.



YOUTH KARATE CLASSES start Tuesday, Nov. 7th, 6:00—6:50 p.m. Eddy Edwards, Instructor. Call 353-4645 to register or email clapointe@kbic-nsn.gov.



Anishinaabe Anokii

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Appointments available 9:00am-4:00pm

For more information, or to make an appointment, please contact Tina Durant at 524-2222

ARTIST WANTED:

The KBIC Pow-wow committee is holding a drawing contest for next year's pow-wow. This drawing will be labeled — "Embracing our Past to Protect our Future."

Size should be 8x10 or legal size 8x14, and are to be a clean cut done in black and white.

This contest is open to any KBIC Tribal Member or descendant, or any Native American residing within the KBIC Reservation. The winner will receive a gift prize of \$150.

Entries are to be handed in the to receptionist at the front desk of the Tribal Center in Baraga, MI, by November 24, 2006, by 4:00 p.m.



Upcoming Women's Gatherings

It's time for Makeovers!

Monday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center

Learn application techniques and what products are right for you with Sara Stukel.

Sponsored by the Women's Health Circle

Christmas Card Stamping

Monday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m.

Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center

Join us for some stamping fun with Cheryl Hirzel.

Sponsored by the Women's Health Circle

To register or for more information contact Heather at 353-4546. Space is limited and registration is required for most events.

Aquacise

Exercise in the Pool for Women

Two Classes

Starting Tuesday, October 31, 2006 for 8 weeks

Ojibwa Casino Resort Motel Pool
at 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



Line Dancing Class for Women

Join us to get exercise while learning dances in a comfortable environment.



Starting Wednesday, November 1st for 8 weeks

Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center at 5:00 p.m.



Registration is required prior to attending classes. If you attended a previous class you must re-register. Space is limited for aquacise. To register or for more information about either class contact Heather at 353-4546.

Sponsored by the Women's Health Circle and S.T.E.P.S.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Gerald J. Jondreau
(March 21, 1937 - September 29, 2006)

Gerald J. Jondreau, 69, of L'Anse, died Friday evening, September 29, 2006, in the Skilled Nursing Unit at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. He was born March 21, 1937, in Assinins, Michigan, a son of the late William "Boyzie" and Mino (Cardinal) Jondreau. Gerald was a 1955, graduate of Baraga High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in engineering from Michigan Technological University.

He was employed with Hughes Aircraft for several years and then with MacDonald-Douglass following their acquisition of Hughes. He retired in 1994, as an ordnance engineer for the Apache Helicopter. Following his retirement, Gerald returned to Baraga County, purchased a fishing boat and was self-employed for some time as a commercial fisherman.

Gerald was a member of Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church at Assinins, the Ojibwa Seniors and served as president with the cultural club. He designed safety procedures, taught the Ojibwa language, promoted education and empowerment of the people to members of the KBIC. Gerald performed with the chorus at Most Holy Name of Jesus and Our Savior Lutheran Church in Atlantic Mine. He and his wife, Susan, operated an ice cream cart business at pow-wow's and also had a music ministry entertaining residents at the local nursing homes and assisted care facilities.

Gerald is survived by his wife, Susan Jondreau, whom he married July 29, 2000; children, Diane Jondreau, Michelle (Chris) Dunn, Caryn Jondreau and Denise (Allen) Ash; step-children, Patrick (Susie) Little and Jennifer (Jeremiah) Gunderson; 6 grandchildren; brother, Robert (Jamie) Jondreau; sister, Nancy (Rod) Edwards; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Elaine and Alice and a brother, William Jondreau.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 5, 2006, at Most Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church at Assinins.

READERS WANTED

Ann Margaret "Pebbles" LaBeau Brunori, KBIC member, resides in Pasadena, MD, and is the daughter of Alfred John LaBeau and Martha R. LaBeau, grand daughter of the late Bernard T. LaBeau and Bernice L. LaBeau. Pebbles has authored the book entitled **Letters to my Dad...With Love**, recently published by Joyous Publishing in Columbia, MD.

Pebbles writes...My father is a Vietnam Veteran and was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was hospitalized for nine weeks in the Coatesville VA Hospital in the PTSD Program. While he was there he had asked me to write to him because we were having trouble communicating with each other. After much prayer, **A Name On The Wall**, was the first poem I wrote for my dad while he was in the hospital. This poem is published in the National Library of Poetry Rainbow's End and has won Editor's Choice Awards in numerous contests. I have also read this poem on the Poetry Today Radio Program hosted by Florence Henderson. I have dedicated this poem to my father, the staff and patients of the PTSD Ward in Coatesville where it now proudly hangs on the wall. It also hangs at the University of Colorado, The Vietnam Veterans Association in Baltimore and the American Legion Posts in Laurel, MD and in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

This book contains all my writings during the time my father was in the hospital and all the profits from this book are being donated to the MCVET Center in Baltimore, MD to help them rehabilitate homeless veterans, so they are able to enter the community free of any addictions and with the skills needed to be a productive part of society.

If anyone would be interested in purchasing a book from me they are \$10 plus \$3 shipping. I can be contacted at pebbles_brunori1204@yahoo.com.

LETTERS TO MY DAD...

With Love



Ann Margaret "Pebbles" LaBeau

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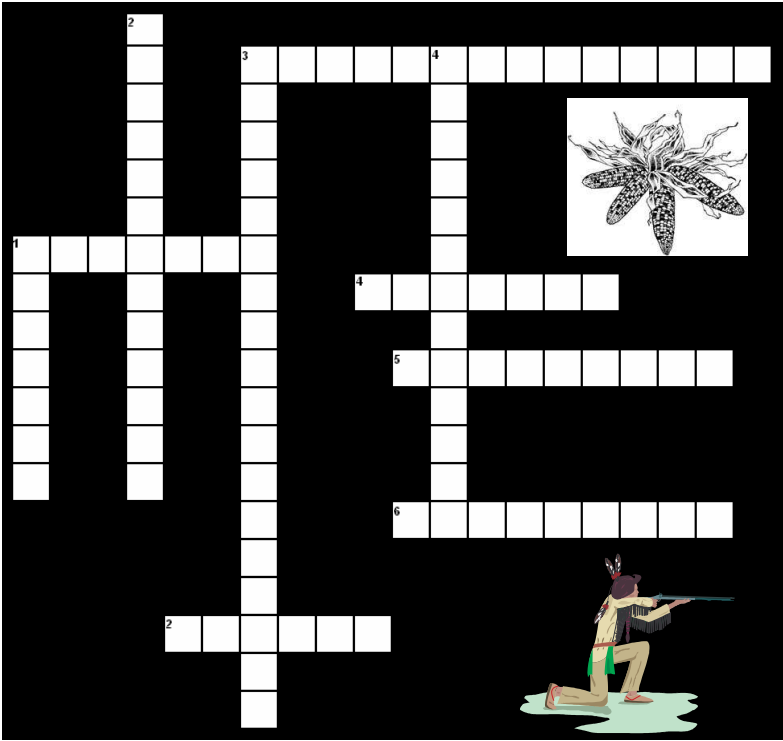
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Gashkadino Giizis
Freezing Moon - November

Vocabulary

Beshowad baboon - winter is near
gabeshi - he camps
giiyose - he hunts
giiyosewinini - hunter
jiibaakwe - he cooks

nishiwe - he kills
waawaashkeshi - deer
okosimaan - pumpkin, squash
bedagiingwe'igaazod - pie
mizise - turkey



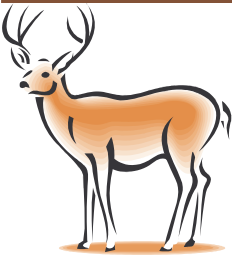
- Across**
- 1. he camps
 - 2. turkey
 - 3. winter is near
 - 4. he kills
 - 5. pumpkin
 - 6. he cooks
- Down**
- 1. he hunts
 - 2. hunter
 - 3. pie
 - 4. deer

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JoAnne Racette, KBIC
Ojibwa Community
College Native American
Studies Instructor

Venison Jerky

3# venison
2/3 tsp. Garlic powder
2 tsp. Onion powder
2 tsp. Seasoning salt
2 tsp. Accent (msg)
1/2 cup soy sauce

Slice venison into slices 1/8 inch thick. Marinate overnight in soy sauce mixture. Put on racks (I use the kind you buy for cooling cakes on) and put over a cookie sheet. (So it won't drip onto the bottom of the oven). Cook for 6 to 8 hours at 150 degrees.



Heath/Field Wed

Jennifer Lynn Heath and Patrick Raymond Field, Jr. were wed on October 13, 2006. Jennifer is the daughter of Judith Heath and John Verlinden. Patrick is the son of Joyce and Patrick Field, Sr., Jennifer's grandmother is Dorothy (Bill) Juutilainen. Jennifer and Patrick Field, Jr. will reside in Baraga. Congratulations!



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Shawanung
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews



Special points of interest:

- Tribal Council Meetings—November 4, 2006
- New Hires at KBIC
- Aabinoojiiyens
- Tribal President signs three-year Self Governance Contract
- Spirit of the Harvest Powwow
- Local schools host Children's Powwow
- KBIC Youth awarded grant
- KBIC Beartown Firefighters quite busy this past summer

A Christmas and New Year Wish

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. What better time and what better season, what greater occasion and more wonderful reason to remember to take the time to pray and be thankful for our many blessings. We all pray in our own way, and our words are right if they are true and come from our hearts. Our precious earth also prays. The trees that are reaching to heaven, the rocks and hills that are still and silent, our lakes and rivers that flow to the ocean, and our animals that have their own voices. Pray not to change the world but to change ourselves because when we change, the earth is changed. In the new year, take the time to listen to the earth's prayers... I thank God for the year that now ends and for the great blessings of loved ones and friends.

I thank all of you and the Tribal Council for the support you have given to me this past year. It has been a very challenging and busy year to say the least. I have enjoyed meeting and working with all of you. The Tribal Council and I thank our Enterprise and Government employees for their many accomplishments. Our Tribe has a great deal to be proud of, and we have many gifted, talented, loving, hard working employees, friends, and volunteers. Our Reservation is a special place to live and work. Let us remember the sacrifices of our ancestors and all that they have taught us so our gifts may be shared and preserved for the future. May you find the joy and peace that awaits you this Christmas season and may the New Year bring you good health and happiness. May God bless and keep you until we meet again.

The Seven Gifts of the Grandfathers:

- To cherish knowledge is to know **wisdom**.
- To know **love** is to know peace.
- To honor all of the Creation is to have **respect**.
- **Bravery/Courage** is to face the foe with integrity.
- **Honesty** in facing a situation is to be brave.
- **Humility** is to know yourself as a sacred part of the Creation.
- **Truth** is to know all of these things.

- excerpt from the Mishomis Book by Edward Benton-Banai

Susan J. LaFerner, President/CEO 2006



NOVEMBER 4, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on November 4, 2006. Susan LaFerner presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFerner Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Shawanung present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung and the Lord's Prayer were cited. The Council reviewed numerous Thank You documents received from the community.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFerner began by reminding everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 7th. Employees who are registered to vote will receive an hour off to vote with the approval of their supervisors. She spoke of the five proposals that will appear on the general election ballot. One very important proposal is the Michigan Civil Rights Constitution. President LaFerner thanked the Education Committee for their work on the "No on 2" campaign. On October 5, 2006, Senator Debbie Stabenow's U.P. office called to congratulate Keweenaw Bay on receiving the ANA Language Grant. On October 6, 2006, President LaFerner, Chuck Brumleve, and John Baker attended a planning meeting on mining held at the beautiful Huron Mountain Club. On October 17, 2006, President LaFerner and Chuck Brumleve visited with Joshua Warren, who is running for the U.S. Congress, First Congressional District for the Constitution/Taxpayers Party in the upcoming election. On October 18, 2006, approximately 35 employees participated in a fitness walk held in the KBOCC parking lot in a celebration of Native American Health & Fitness Day. Thank you to our KBIC/DHHS, STEPS and our KBIC Diabetes Program. They are always there to help us take better care of ourselves. Thank you to the many seniors, Larry Denomie, and others who planned and arranged for a wonderful Harvest Feast held on October 22, 2006. As of October 27, 2006, the DEQ was able to resume (after a 42-day waiting period following the Court of Appeals decision that removed the Ingham County Circuit Court Judges Injunction) the process of reviewing the mine period application submitted by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company and should have issued a proposed decision on the application, so a hearing date could be set. They will now probably make a preliminary decision on the future of the application within 18 days. The department's director will make the preliminary and final decisions on the application as was stated by the DEQ's Deputy Director Skip Pruss. Kennecott has provided answers and information on the 91 permit questions that the DEQ had requested. Of course, we are still confident that the decision to grant a permit will be denied. We have now filed our "Brief in Opposition" response after the State of Michigan filed a petition for Certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court on our Property Tax Case. Mr. Baker indicated that the legal department has been notified that we should hear if the Supreme Court will hear our case or not by November 27, 2006. The yearly budget process is now over, and the budgets were approved on October 12, 2006. Thank you to Hosh, Dawn, Sarah, Gerald, our accounting departments, our department heads, Council, and everyone who helped with the budgets. This is always a great deal of work each year and a relief when the budgets are finished. We will be meeting next week to hopefully finalize the plans/options for a Pre-school program. There has been much work involved with beginning this program, and we appreciate your patience. The Council is pleased to announce that on October 13, 2006, the Baraga Casino's new General Manager is John Mantila and the Marquette Casino's new General Manager is David Haataja. They both bring years of experience and knowledge to us in the Casino field as they have been Managers for each Casino for many years. Please wish them well and give them your support in their new positions. Congratulations to our Casinos who are celebrating their anniversaries during November. The Baraga Casino is celebrating 21 years and the Marquette Casino is celebrating 12 years. Please stop in and enjoy the festivities on November 14-18. Thank you to Gerald Hays for his 17 years of devotion and all of the hard work he has given to our Tribe. He will be missed in our Accounting Department as accountant, comptroller and chief financial officer, as an instructor at the Ojibwa Community College and as the General Manager of the Casino Enterprises. Also a fond farewell to Jeff Kitchens and his family (our BIA forester) who will be moving out west. His last day will be November 17, 2006. We have enjoyed working with Jeff and will miss him.

Larry Denomie III, gave a Secretarial Report for the period of August/September/October 2006. Special meeting held 08/10/06—approved meeting minutes for 04/28/05, 04/29/05 and 07/08/06; approved Resolution KB1495-2006 Aura Road Co-op Project and Resolution KB1496-2006 Bay Shore Road Co-op Project; authorized paying eight tribal members \$615 for their easement on Old U.S. 41 Water Main Project; approved the Sand Point Cleanup construction contract and ad-

dendum KBIC-1; approved \$250 to assist the Genschow family for travel to Fort Leonard Wood; offered the position of Youth Facility Coordinator to Carole La-Pointe at the mid-range wage; approved Resolution KB1497-2006 Law Enforcement Contract; approved new gaming licenses, probationary license and vendor licenses; and offered the Chief of Police position to Dale Dakota. Special meeting held 08/15/06—Approved meeting minutes of 07/13/06; approved \$387 for the Baraga High School Cheerleading uniforms; approved Raffle Licenses KB07-06 through KB11-06 for the Whitetails Association; approved Resolution KB1485-2006 for the BIA Home Improvement Program; tabled a request for a retreat for department heads; approved Michael Duschene as the voting delegate on the Michigan Indian Elders Association fulfilling the term of Loretta Hugo; approved Resolution KB1498-2006 for the Timber Stand Improvement Project on the Louisa Miller Allotment; donated \$1000 to the Back to School Backpack program; tabled a request for Tom Dowd sponsorship to see if the Casino could sponsor. Special meeting on 08/17/06—Approved meeting minutes of 05/04/05; approved an additional \$8752 to Drift Roofing for the Tribal Court renovations; approved professional services agreement with Willis Forestry Consultants; approved the IHS Buy Back agreement for \$12,247; approved an agreement with the Baraga County Road commission for \$73,355; authorized the President to sign a letter opposing the Jonker nomination as District Judge; approved Hitch Engineering for the agreement between the owner and Architect for \$32,000 and \$5,800; and rescheduled the regular September meeting to September 16, 2006. Special meeting on 08/24/06—Approved an amendment to Jeff Lamson tobacco license; approved Brad Dakota's tobacco license renewal; authorized the Enrollment office to provide telephone numbers of Tribal members to the Behavioral Risk Factors and Surveillance Survey System; approved raffle license KB12-06 for the Baraga Fire Department; tabled a request to add automatic shufflers to Baraga Casino's blackjack tables until more information is available of how the Marquette Casino's are performing; referred a donation request from NMU's NASA group to the Marquette Casino; donate \$500 to the all native coed softball tournament in Black River Falls, WI; offered the Gaming Commissioner vacancy to Dale Shalfoe; accepted Jennifer Misegan's letter to not accept the Gaming Commissioner appointment; approved transferring 25% of funds from the IRR Roads to the IRR Maintenance program; approved Resolution KB1500-2006 residential lease for Joe Dowd; approved an in-house promotion for Denise Cadeau from regular part-time Unit Manager to full-time Unit Manager; approved the KBIC Summer Youth Program policy handbook with changes; offered the Summer Youth position to Jodene Rasanen for 2007; approved a contract with Atronic Games of America and the removal and installation of four slot machines each for Baraga and six each for Marquette; approved removal of sixteen Williams Participation games to be replaced with Williams Wide Area progressive games with eight in Baraga and eight in Marquette to be removed and both properties receiving twelve; accepted the resignation and removal of termination regarding case #008-06. The second and third reading of the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance took place with approval of amending and restating Ordinance 2006-1, Title 18 Chapter B and provide for the complete substitute. Special Finance Meeting held 09/06/06—Rescheduled the regular September meeting from the 16th to the 23rd; worked on FY07 Budget Reviews. Special Finance Meeting held 09/07/06—Tabled a land exchange request from the Village of Baraga; amended Resolution KB1491-2006 correcting the address for Don Carlson; approved Resolution KB1499-2006 for the Beartown Residential Development site; amended the extra-curricular activities fund for the youth to include school clothes; adopted changes to the Tribes Written Internal Control Standards and again spent much of the meeting reviewing FY07 budgets. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/08/06—Reviewed budgets FY07; authorized paying the bills for Tribal Construction in the amount of \$11,345.50 for work they performed in moving the maintenance garage; authorized the President to sign an equipment lease agreement with Reinhart Food Services for a dish washer in the restaurant; approved a services agreement with STS in the amount of \$3500 for the Environmental Assessment at the proposed Casino in Negaunee; approved new gaming licenses, transferred a license and approved vendor license renewals; approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with the American Indian Economic Development Fund; approved the Professional Services Agreement with 1st step; approved the Shuffle Master license and lease agreement for the Baraga Casino; and denied gaming license #K0086. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/13/06—Budget reviews FY07 continued. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/14/06—

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Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between IHS, US EPA and the KBIC for Pequaming Sewer Extension for four additional homes—project BE-06-F26; continued FY07 Budget Reviews. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/15/06—Approved \$1110 for the women’s gathering to Mackinaw Island on September 21-24, 2006; approved Resolution KB1502-2006 IHS multi year funding agreement for October 2006 through September 2009; authorized Tribal President to write a letter stating we have no funds available for imminent threat; FY07 budget reviews continued. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/21/06—Approved MOA BE-04-C81 amendment #4 dated August 29, 2006, between IHS and KBIC; approved a change order for the Old US41 Water Main Extension adding a tee connect; approved the TSI selection as recommended by the Natural Resources Committee; approved the High Scope growing readers early literacy curriculum consultant letter of agreement for \$3035; approved an MOA between IHS and KBIC for the New Day Well; approved a new business license for Larry Denomie for car wash and Laundromat; approved a tobacco and liquor license renewal for Larry Denomie; approved a renewal for a retail business license for Larry Denomie for BayShore BP; approved a computer system upgrade from Automated Election Services for the TEAMS.NET system; and continued work on FY07 budget reviews. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/22/06—Continued work on FY07 budget reviews; approved gaming licenses, a probationary license and vendor license; donated two vans from the Marquette Casino to the American Legion Post 444; approved renewal of the Newsletter Editor contract for Lauri Denomie. Special Meeting held on 10/12/06—Approved Resolution KB1494-2006 Beartown Housing Development Right of Way, Resolution KB1503-2006 CNB Acquisition, Resolution KB1507-2006 Old US41 Water Easement, Resolution KB1508-2006 Shane Pittsley Recreation Land Lease; approved purchasing a 2007 Polaris Ranger with Accessories from Tom’s Service Center in the amount of \$9655.06 to be paid with insurance claim funds; approved FY07 Budgets with changes and authorized a three-percent pay increase for all employees; approved the Construction Contract with North Star Builders for the New Day Project; terminated Gerald Hays as the Tribe’s General Manager and replaced him with David Haataja as GM for the Marquette Casino and John Mantila for the GM for the Baraga Casino; and increased the minimum wage to \$6.95 per hour retro to October 1, 2006. Special Meeting held 10/19/06—Approved meeting minutes for 05/19/05; approved Christmas/New Year’s holidays for the government employees as December 26, 2006, and January 2, 2007; approved an amendment to Jeff Lamson’s tobacco license; approved the donation requests for October (see Treasurer’s report); approved a modification to Anni Gregor’s contract; approved a liquor license for Jeff Lamson and Beth Waara; approved a special deer tag request for the Harvest Feast; approved the recommendation to have Sarah Smith serve on the Joint Wastewater Authority Board. The second and third reading of the Proposed Amendment to the Election Ordinance was held at 6:00 p.m. on this date. The Amendment was approved at this time. Larry Denomie requested and was approved to post the Secretary’s Report on line at www.ojibwa.com.

Toni Minton reported in the Treasurer’s Report that the Council approved the final budgets for FY07 on October 12, 2006, and she thanked the committee for their hard work during this difficult process. As she announced at the regular scheduled meeting on October 7, 2006, which was held in Marquette, the **Council announced they would be processing Council donations in a new manner. We would like to continue to receive donation requests by personal presentation or letter. No immediate decision would be made unless an emergency exists. Once a month, the Council will meet after receiving monthly financial reports and will decide on which requests to donate to. At the next regularly scheduled Saturday meeting, the Council will report which requests were funded. The Council is asking for the cooperation of the community members in planning ahead whenever possible when requesting a donation.** Due to the urgency involved, the Council did approve a donation for \$1000 for the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee at the October 7, 2006, meeting. These funds are to be used to provide information/advertising on Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative placed on the November 7th, election ballot. If this proposal were to pass, it would eliminate opportunities for women and minorities in education, jobs and contracts. It may also mean the end of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Our first donation meeting was held on October 19, 2006. The Council approved the following donations: Special Olympics in the amount of \$2500; Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association towards their Zamboni fundraising in the amount of \$2,000; L’Anse Area Schools Booster Club up to \$700; Bart Stupak Campaign in the amount of \$1000; Frank Pallone Campaign in the amount of \$1000; and the Andy Levin Campaign in the amount of \$1000. In addition, the following donations were approved last year that will be coming out of the fiscal year 2007 budget: L’Anse Fire Depart-

ment for final payment on their fire truck in the amount of \$50,000; and \$5000 to the Keweenaw Land Trust. September 30, 2006, was the deadline for the two-percent money requests. President LaFernier and Treasurer Toni Minton will be reviewing the requests and presenting them to Council. These payments must be processed by November 30, 2006.

Council reviewed and approved meeting minutes for 05/19/05, 09/06/06, 09/07/06, 09/08/06, 09/13/06, 09/14/06, 09/15/06, 09/21/06, and 09/22/06.

Terry Kakhonen sought help with attaining the remaining funds needed for purchasing two good used Zambonis for the L’Anse and the Baraga ice rinks. The fund raising group has raised approximately \$48,000, which includes the Council’s most recent donation. President LaFernier will contact Roy Kemppainen, L’Anse Village Manager, on a possible request for two-percent funding in the next funding period (March 2007).

Michael Duschene requested permission to publish a Gaming Commission Brochure. The Commission has requested bids for designing the brochure/booklet from two tribal members. Discussion did occur with the consensus that the Council would like more work put into the draft, a more detailed and accurate history, etc... Mr. Duschene will discuss the Council’s requests at the next Gaming Commissioner’s meeting.

Laurie Maki of the Omega House sought from Council a renewal for a pledge of \$25,000 over a three-year period. This request will be placed on the donation list for the next Council’s donation meeting.

Donald Carlson and Glen Bressette Jr. addressed the Council for permission to build a teaching lodge on KBIC land north of Eagle Rock. Mr. Bressette spoke in length of his desire to build this lodge, in a traditional respectful way, with the assistance of anyone who wished to help in his endeavor. The only thing he was requesting at this time was permission to build the lodge on our land. Motion by Toni Minton to table until he meets with the Cultural Committee at their next meeting, supported by Larry Denomie, three support (Swartz, Minton, Denomie), seven opposed (Blaker, Dakota, Emery, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo, Shawanung), 0 abstaining, motion defeated. Motion by Fred Dakota to grant permission to Bressette to construct a lodge on our property and for it to be double checked by realty to make sure it is on the right property, supported by William E. Emery, nine support, one opposed (Minton), 0 abstaining, motion carried.

President LaFernier presented three bids on painting the old school bus. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve Don’s Body Shop (Don Lantz) to paint the old school bus, supported by Warren Swartz, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

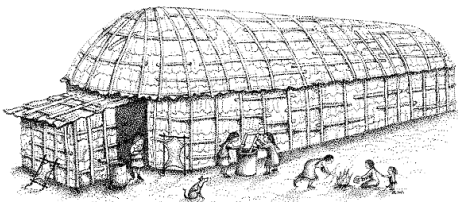
Motion by Doreen Blaker to purchase turkeys and hams from Larry’s Market, supported by Larry Denomie, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

President LaFernier brought forward a request — The Health Board recognizes the dangers of smoking and second hand smoking, and makes the motion and supports that the KBIC Christmas Party be smoke-free. Christmas Party is to be held December 2, 2006. Motion by Larry Denomie for the Government Christmas Party to be smoke-free, supported by Chiz Matthews, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

More discussion on the Employee Christmas Party occurred. Toys for Tots encourages that employees bring a toy for a child to their Christmas Party. There will be a staff member there to accept them. It was also discussed that our Tribal Social Services will be accepting gifts for needy children of our KB community. Motion by Larry Denomie for two drink tickets to be giving to each employee and to their guest at the Government Christmas Party, supported by Chiz Matthews, ten support, one opposed (Matthews), 0 abstaining, motion carried.

Council went into closed session with Doreen Blaker/Doris Roberts, John Baker, Susan LaFernier, and Doreen Blaker (employee request) on the agenda.

Glen Bressette Jr. will be constructing a fire lodge for the winter on our tribal lands, north of Eagle Rock. He would like to work with all native and non-native individuals who have concerns of preserving our earth. If anyone is interested in helping Glen, through physical contributions or donations such as basic survival tools, please contact him at 906-361-6501 or Michelle Large at 906-395-0301.



BART STUPAK DINES WITH OJIBWA SENIORS



Congressman Bart Stupak and two members of his staff visited with the Ojibwa Senior Citizens on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, over lunch. The group spoke to Mr. Stupak on various views including gaming regulations and other topics of concern. The group presented Mr. Stupak with a packet of resolutions for his attention.



Bart Stupak is currently running for hopefully his eighth consecutive term in Michigan's Congressional District One, which consists of the complete Upper Peninsula of Michigan as well as the Northern Part of the Lower Peninsula.

Update—Bart Stupak was re-elected on November 7th.

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The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission will cover the Registration Fee and Hotel Room. Travel and meal expenses will be the responsibility of the individual taking the course. For more information contact Jim Thannum at: jthannum@glifwc.org
 GLIFWC phone: (715) 682-6619

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2006

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

During National American Indian Heritage Month, we honor the generations of American Indians and Alaska Natives who have added to the character of our Nation. This month is an opportunity to celebrate their many accomplishments and their rich ancestry and traditions.

America is blessed by the character and strength of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and our citizens are grateful for the countless ways Native Americans have enriched our country and lifted the spirit of our Nation. We are especially grateful for the Native Americans who have served and continue to serve in our Nation's military. These brave individuals have risked their lives to protect our citizens, defend our democracy, and spread the blessings of liberty to people around the world.

My Administration is working to ensure that American Indians and Alaska Natives have access to all the opportunities of this great land. My fiscal year 2007 budget proposes more than \$12.7 billion for government programs for Native Americans. Education is vital to ensuring all citizens reach their full potential, and my budget includes funding to help Native-American schools succeed and meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is providing education for approximately 46,000 American-Indian and Alaska-Native children. To help keep Native Americans safe, I have also proposed to increase law enforcement personnel and improve law enforcement facilities in American-Indian communities. My Administration will continue to work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments, honor the principles of tribal sovereignty and the right to self-determination, and help ensure America remains a land of promise for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and all our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2006, as National American Indian Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH

KBIC FLAG IN SOUTH DAKOTA

KBIC Tribal member, Emily Evans was traveling home to Albuquerque, New Mexico, after her wedding last month, which was held in Baraga. She and her husband, Aaron, stopped at the Crazy Horse Memorial just outside of Keystone, South Dakota. Emily wrote, "Was I ever surprised to see our flag there! I've never seen it anywhere outside of Michigan. It really made my day seeing our flag on display there."



Miigwetch for the picture, Emily. Emily saw our flag on display because the growing Crazy Horse Memorial Flag Collection illustrates Tribal individuality and diversity. Colorful flags in this collection have been donated by tribes or tribal members. Receiving a flag is one of the highest honors bestowed by Native Americans. President LaFornier stated KBIC donated the flag a few years back. These beautiful flags are on display in the Indian Museum of North America at Crazy Horse as a means of increasing public awareness of the wide diversity and individuality of Native American heritage, culture and tribes. However, the collection is not complete, and the museum welcomes donations from tribes that are not yet represented. For more information check out www.crazyhorse.org.



Library News.....

Winter hours are: Monday 2-7, Tuesday 11-4, Wednesday 2-7, Thursday 10-3, and CLOSED on Friday.

Remember to return your books. There is a book drop bin @ the entrance to the college. Beginning December 4, the Native American movies will be available for check out. Please remember to return them promptly, so other patrons can check them out.



~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

NEW HIRES!



Receptionist—

Definitely a cheery face greets visitors at the KBIC Tribal Center. Juliet K. Ellenich was recently hired as the Receptionist for the Tribal Center. Juliet, a KBIC member, resides in Baraga with her husband, Joe, two daughters, Justine and Corey, and step-sons Kyle and Kevin. Juliet states, "In my spare time, I enjoy watching my daughter's basketball games and my step-son Kevin's football games. I enjoy hunting, fishing,

photography, scrap booking and bowling on Friday Night Women's League for the Ojibwa College's team.

Juliet is the daughter of the late Jean B. Loonsfoot-Aho (John W. Aho of Chassell) and Donald L. Koski (Nancy) whom resides in Zeba. Juliet adds, "I have siblings all over the U.P. as well as nieces and nephews. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, and I enjoy working for the tribe."



Hotel Manager—

Meet Maria Zielinski who was recently hired by KBIC as their Hotel Manager. Maria oversees both the Ojibwa Motel and Four Seasons Inn. Maria began her employment with KBIC on October 18th. Maria has an Associate's Degree in Business, and has six years experience in hotel management and fourteen years of banking experience which includes Branch Manager.

Maria states, "I was born downstate in Belleville and moved to Da U.P. in 1998. I'm single with two dogs and two cats, no children. I will be moving to Pelkie in the very near future. I enjoy snowshoeing, reading and participating in church activities."



Natural Resources Technician—

Boozhoo, my name is Jerry Jondreau. I am a KBIC member, and I recently moved here from Amarillo, Tx. I moved up here to go back to school and get a degree in Forestry at Michigan Tech. I am very excited to be working for the tribe. I am the son of Robert and Lynda Jondreau. I

have two sisters and one brother. I enjoy sports and playing the guitar in my spare time. I look forward to making a positive impact on our tribe and meeting people of the community.

TRIBAL PRESIDENT SIGNS THREE-YEAR SELF GOVERNANCE CONTRACT



President LaFernier signs Self-Governance Contract on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Pictured above, (left to right) (front row) Cherie Dakota, Administrative Assistant of Dept. of Health & Human Services; Ruth Bussey, Health Director, Tribal President Susan J. LaFernier, Lauri Denomie, Health Board Secretary; (back row) Wayne Swartz, Health Board Chairman; Allen Gauthier, Health Board Vice Chairman; Dr. Oh, KBIC Medical Physician; Kerry Picciano, Health Board Member; and Carl Rasanen, Health Board Member.

An Multi-Year Funding Agreement between the United States of America and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was signed by Tribal President, Susan J. LaFernier, on behalf of the KBIC Tribal Council.

The KBIC Tribal Council has entered into a multi-year funding agreement to provide medical services to eligible persons as defined under applicable law. This Funding Agreement is entered into by and between the Director of the Indian Health Service for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Tribe) pursuant to the authority in Title V of the Indian Self-Determination Act, Public Law 93-638, as amended, and is incorporated into and governed by the Compact of Self-Governance (Compact) entered into between the Secretary and the Tribe on October 1, 2001, as amended and other applicable law.

Funding provided under this agreement is based on the Tribe's active user population as defined by the Indian Health Services. These Services are provided directly or by contract and include comprehensive patient care, contract care services, dental, community health, maternal and child health, behavioral health, health education, and special programs to ensure continuum of care including audiology, nutrition, optical, and cancer screening. During the contract term, we will research the availability of traditional healing services as an added component. This agreement is in effect from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2009.

The KBIC Anishinaabe Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan Community Meeting (Gathering) will be held on December 7, 2006, in the Ojibwa Casino Chippewa Rooms at 6 p.m.

This will be a Pot Luck feast (bring your favorite dish). It is an introduction of the Language Assessment Staff and Advisors, as well as to introduce the assessment plan, goals and objectives. The KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office would like to invite community members and requests their support and assistance in making this project successful. For more information, please call the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at 353-6272, or email scohen@kbic-nsn.gov.



SPIRIT OF THE HARVEST POWWOW—MTU'S 11th ANNUAL

MTU AISES held their annual powwow on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Once again the event was a success, with many participants attending. Host Drum, Little Otter; and invited drums, Four Thunders, Ditibasin, RedBird, and Loon Travelers provided the beautiful songs for the 62 registered dancers. Charlotte Sero, Head Female Dancer; John Gokee, Head Male Dancer; Shauna Mae Loonsfoot Pelto (Miss Keweenaw Bay), Head Female Youth Dancer; LeRoy Gauthier Jr., Head Male Youth Dancer; Daebwae Chosa, Head Tiny-tot Female Dancer; and John Messer III, Head Tiny-tot Male Dancer all did a fantastic job. Dallin Maybee, a world known, very talented Hoop Dancer, gave two performances throughout the day. A special exhibition—Pink Shawl Dance was lead by Punkin Shananaquet. The purpose of the Pink Shawl Dance is to create awareness of breast cancer.

The day consisted of two grand entries, 1:00 p.m. and an evening session at 7:00 p.m. Donald Chosa Jr., Head Veteran Dancer led the Keweenaw Bay Color Guard in the procession with the posting of the colors. Richard Awonohopay, Emcee, and Stanley Spruce, Arena Director, did an awesome job and kept everything running on time. MTU AISES provided a delicious feast for the participants.



Tiny-Tot Dancers—John Messer III and Daebwae Chosa.



Donald Chosa Jr, Head Veteran Dancer and KBIC Color Guard in the afternoon grand entry.



Head Youth Dancers — Shauna Mae Loonsfoot Pelto and LeRoy Gauthier. Shauna is Miss Keweenaw Bay 2006 (right).



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Charlotte Sero and John Gokee— Adult Head Dancers.



Dallin Maybee — World known Hoop Dancer.



KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Annual Tribal Elections will be held on
SATURDAY, December 16, 2006.

Baraga District voters will go to the Polls at the **Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center**. Polls for the **L'Anse District** will be held at the **Zeba Methodist Church**. The Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE,
(As per Election Ordinance)

Mark your calendar for these 2007 events!

January 27th

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

3rd Winter Traditional Powwow

&

July 27, 28, 29th

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

29th Annual Maawanjii'iding

Don't miss out!

Check out the KBIC Website for updates at <http://www.ojibwa.com/>

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Flu Shots Are In

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TRIBAL YOUTH OF MARQUETTE CELEBRATE 'TRICK OR TREAT'



Thirty-three youth attended the Marquette Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29, 2006, for food, fun and games! The children dressed up as Oprah Winfrey, witches, Little Mermaid, old lady, lion, cat, Spiderman, an angel, and many other wonderful costumes. The youngest child in costume was one-week-old Aden, son of Kurt Hamalainen.

Costume winners (pictured to the left) 1st place—Josiah Carlisle, 2nd place—Savannah Seymour, and 3rd place—Mackenzie Miller.



FAMILY FUN— PUMPKIN DECORATING



Families with children under the age of ten gathered at a Pumpkin decorating activity night on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, held at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens

Center. Facilitated by the Department of Health & Human Services staff, fifty children registered for a free pumpkin. Refreshments were also provided. The purpose of the activity is to promote parent/child social interaction and was sponsored by Healthy Start, KBIC CIC Committee, and Women's Health Circle Project.



HALLOWEEN @ THE INDOOR PLAY CENTER

The children who attend the day care program, along with their parents, enjoyed their Halloween party on October 27. They played games, had their faces painted and of course, thoroughly enjoyed the treats. KBIC Even Start is partnered with the Center. The collaboration provides quality child care and education services while their parents are in adult education.



AABINOOJIIYENS



Meet Amya Morseau, born 10/16/2006, to Crystal Shawa and George Morseau. Amya weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 ½ inches in length at birth.



Meet Edward Bradley Charron, born 08/27/2006, to Tony and Nicole Charron of PawPaw, Michigan. Edward weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches in length at birth. Diane Charron of Zeba is the proud grandma.



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LOCAL SCHOOLS HOST CHILDREN'S POWWOW



L'Anse Area Schools



L'Anse Area Schools



L'Anse Area Schools

In an opportunity to help create awareness within the community, the Bilingual Program held a miniature powwow in both local schools. Baraga Elementary School hosted their Children's Powwow on Wednesday, November 1, 2006. C.J. Sullivan Elementary School in L'Anse, hosted their Children's Powwow on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Students in grades K-6 learned about the many different styles of the Native American dance. Students were joined by older brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and teachers for an hour filled of cultural dance. It appeared that the two-step was definitely a hit with this young crowd. Songs were provided by Woodland Drum; Emcee was Stanley Spruce; and members of the KBIC Color Guard lead the procession. Both events were organized by Candice Kempainen, Bilingual Teacher in both schools.

NATIVE AMERICAN FITNESS DAY

The KBIC/DHHS, STEPS, and the KBIC Diabetes Program sponsored an employee fitness walk at the KBOCC parking lot on October 18, 2006. Thirty-five employees participated! The event was held in conjunction with the Fourth Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Day. All employees were welcome to join in. To pump the group up, Eagle Radio provided music. After the walk, employees had a chance to warm up with a soup & sandwich luncheon. Participants were encouraged to wear their craziest hat. Winners of that contest were: 1st place—Diane Waara, 2nd place—Bob Zasadnyj, and 3rd place—Donna Sackett.

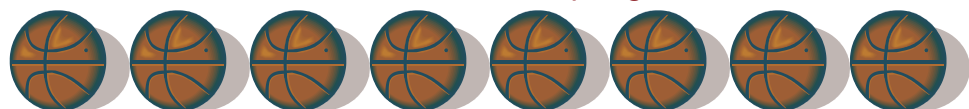


KBIC Youth Club awarded Mini-Grant

The KBIC Youth Club has been awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant from the *Association of American Indian Physicians* (AAIP). The grant will be used to implement the "1st Annual KBIC Youth Winter Basketball Clinic," slated for January 2007. "Along with honing up on their basketball skills, we will be using older tribal youth (in college and the working environment of the community) as clinic "coaches" for the weekend," states Carole LaPointe, KBIC Youth Director. "They will present on various healthy living styles and good nutrition practices to use in the prevention of diabetes." A pre- and post evaluation will be distributed for all participants to fill out to assess diabetes knowledge gained during this event. Evaluation materials gathered will be put in a report and submitted to AAIP and the KBIC Tribal Council for future programming needs.



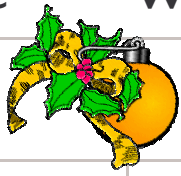

Our Tribal Health Department will be providing diabetes testing strips, and staff for mini-health screenings that will take place. Watch for upcoming brochures to register for the winter weekend clinic! The Keweenaw Bay Youth Club, is one of eight other grantees, which were awarded nationally. November is National Diabetes Awareness month. More information about the Association of American Indian Physicians can be found on their website at: www.aaip.org



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Community & Youth Calendar - DECEMBER 2006

National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on calendar are listed throughout the newsletter FYI.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 6pm, language meeting & potluck	8	9 Christmas Party for kids and teens, see ad for details
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Vote in the Tribal Elections!
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25 Merry Christmas. Tribal Gov't. offices closed.	26 Tribal Gov't. offices closed.	27	28	29	30
31 CELEBRATE SAFELY, designate a driver!!!	January 1—Happy New Year! Tribal Gov't. offices closed.	January 2—Tribal Gov't. offices closed.			Events occurring throughout the KBIC Community are welcomed to be listed on this calendar. email newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov.	

Candidates approved by Tribal Council at the Nov. 17th, meeting are:

Chief Judge:

Bradley T. Dakota, Incumbent
Rose Edwards

Council seats—

Frederick Dakota, Incumbent
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Incumbent
Jerry Lee Curtis
Jerry Magnant

Shawanung (Joe Dowd), Incumbent
Susan J. LaFemier, Incumbent
Jennifer Misegan



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Jean Miller

(October 15, 1942—November 14, 2006)

Jean Miller, age 64, of Dearborn, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at the Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

She was born October 15, 1942, in Detroit, daughter of Theodore and Bernadette (Madosh) Moilanen. Jean worked for the Veterans Administration in Detroit as a secretary for a few years. She married Harold Miller on February 9, 1962, in Detroit.

Jean is a member of the Charity Baptist Church in Brownstown Twp. and of the Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Jean loved the outdoors, hiking and camping. She and Harold also raised race horses.

She is survived by her husband Harold; son Charles Stuart Miller of Dearborn; daughter Cherie (Bradley) Dakota of Baraga; two grandchildren Savannah and Frederick Dakota of Baraga.

Preceding her in death are her parents and her step mom Marie Moilanen, who helped raise her.

Rev. John Henry conducted committal services on November 18, 2006, at the Jacobson Funeral Home, who assisted the family.

KBIC YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9th
Niiwin Akeaa Center



Birth – 11 years old
12 – 3 p.m.

12 years old – 17 years old
6 – 8 p.m.

- Fun, Food and games for all...
- Make sure your child (ren) is registered by November 13th.

This Party is for Tribal members and descendants/family of enrolled tribal members only.

Sponsored by
KBIC Youth Club &
Tribal Council

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Walk And Talk

WHAT: An indoor walking program.

WHEN: Beginning November 27th, 10:30am - 1:30pm, week days lasting through the winter months.

WHERE: The KBIC Community Center Gymnasium.

WHO: Anyone who would like to stay active over the winter months.

WHY: Everyone should participate in 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week to stay fit.

KICK OFF CELEBRATION!!!
NOVEMBER 27TH
12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M.



Employees grab a buddy and walk during your lunch break - be sure to bring a bag lunch and leave a few minutes to eat!

For more information contact Carole LaPointe @ 353-4643 or Heather Wood at 353-4546.

This program is sponsored by the KBIC Youth Program, Women's Health Circle, STEPS Grant & the KBIC/DHHS Diabetes Program

KBIC YOUTH CLUB CALENDAR,
for more information call Carole LaPointe at 353-4643

Friday, December 1, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Saturday, December 2, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball; 4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Sunday, December 3, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Monday, December 4, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics
Tuesday, December 5, 2006—10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Early Start Gym Day; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Even Start Craft Culture Class (Commons); 6:00—6:50 p.m. Karate Class; 7 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Wednesday, December 6, 2006—8 to 4 p.m. Community Influenza Clinic (GYM); 5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics
Thursday, December 7, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Friday, December 8, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Saturday, December 9, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Christmas Party for ages birth-11 years; 6 to 8 p.m. Christmas Party for ages 12-17.
Sunday, December 10, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Monday, December 11, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics; 6 to 7 p.m. Youth Council Meeting (Commons)
Tuesday, December 12, 2006—12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Even Start Craft Culture Class (Commons Area); 6:00—6:50 p.m. Karate Class (Gym); 7 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Wednesday, December 13, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics
Thursday, December 14, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Friday, December 15, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Saturday, December 16, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball 4 to 9 OPEN GYM
Sunday, December 17, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Monday, December 18, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics
Tuesday, December 19, 2006—12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Even Start Craft Culture Class (Commons Area); 6:00—6:50 p.m. Karate Class (Gym); 7 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Wednesday, December 20, 2006—9:30 to 10:30 a.m. KBIC Head Start Gym Class; 1 to 2 p.m. KBIC Head Start Gym; 5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics
Thursday, December 21, 2006—10:30 to 3:30 p.m. Head Start Christmas Party; 4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Friday, December 22, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Saturday, December 23, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball 4 to 9 OPEN GYM
CLOSED on —December 24, 2006; December 25, 2006; December 26, 2006
Wednesday, December 27, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics
Thursday, December 28, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Friday, December 29, 2006—8 p.m. to 12 midnight Youth Dance
Saturday, December 30, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball; 4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM
Sunday, December 31, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

The KBIC Medical Clinic has received its supply of the influenza Vaccine.
Vaccinations are available on a walk in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. For more information please call 353-8700.

Annual Influenza Vaccination is recommended for:

- Children aged 6 - 59 months;
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Persons aged 50 years or older;
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months - 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and, therefore, might be at risk for experiencing Reye's syndrome after influenza infection;
- Adults and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma (hypertension is not considered a high-risk condition);
- Adults and children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunodeficiency (including immunodeficiency caused by medication or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- Adults and children with any condition that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory sections (i.e., a condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow, such as brain injury or disease, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other nerve or muscle disorders.)
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions;
- Persons who live with or care for persons at high risk for influenza-related complications, including healthy household contacts and caregivers of children aged 0-59 months
- Health-care workers

The KBIC Medical Clinic will also be offering the Flu Vaccine to Non-Native household members. For more information, and on how to register at the KBIC DHHS please contact Denise Maki at 353-4539.



OJIBWEMOWIN

Manidoo Giizisoons

Little Spirit Moon - December

Vocabulary

Anang - star	Gaawaandag - white spruce
Dibikad - night	Gijjik - white cedar
Niigiwin - birth	Jingob - balsam
Niigi - he is born	Wawaashkeshi - deer
Obinodjins - baby, little child	Ajigan – sock, stocking

FIND THE WORDS

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'ASK THE CANDIDATES' MEETING

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Senior Citizens wish to extend an invitation to all of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members to come and meet the Tribal Council candidates and Chief Tribal Judge candidates running for a seat this year. This meeting with the candidates is intended to provide an opportunity for the membership to hear from each candidate, and decide what their positions are on issues affecting the Tribal membership.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Ojibwa Senior Citizens as sponsors are non-political and want to be able to provide the membership with a venue to hear the issues in a civil manner and offer the candidates a forum to address the membership without fear of criticism from the audience.

Come join us for this forum, educate yourself on the issues of this year's election. The date for this very important event is TBA (watch for flyers).

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To place an ad, contact Lauri Denomie at
newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov or 906-201-0263.



KBIC Beartown Wildlife Fire-fighters were quite busy this past summer at Happy Camp California and Boundary Waters Minnesota. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs manages a Type 2 Wildland Fire-fighting handcrew, based out of Baraga, MI, and are dispatched locally, as well as, nation-wide. Recruitment is underway; our crew offers an excellent opportunity for summer time employment, training and experience. Contact George DeCota at (906) 250-2334, (906) 524-4142, email kbfire@up.net; or Tom Chosa at (906) 353-4170, email thomas@kbic-nsn.gov.



Anishinaabe Anokii

First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native American-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

Anishinaabe Anokii services include:

- Tribal Business Owner Directory
- Business Development Resources
- Fax, Copier, Computer & Internet Services, Meeting Room
- Business Support & Developmental Education Classes
- Confidential Credit Counseling & Financial Literacy Classes
- "Indianpreneur" Business Development Program

8:00 am-4:30 pm

117 US 41 South Tel: (906) 524-2222
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Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor
Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

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